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RELATION

Of some of the

Cruel Sufferings

(For the Truths sake) of

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In the Inquisition in the

ISLE of MALTA,

Who have suffered there above three years, by the Pope's Authority, there to be detained till they dye. Which Relation of their sufferings is come from their own hands and mouths, as doth appear by the following Treatise.

These two Daughters of *Abraham* were passing to *Alexandria*, and to *Citicia*; And thus may that part of *Christendom* see their fruits, together with the Pope's, and of what birth they are; and that those that are called *Christians* are worse than *Heathens*: For they falling into their hands, should have been refreshed by them with necessary things; but the provision which the Inhabitants and Knights of *Malta*, (called *Christians*) provided for them, is the Inquisition. Now it was not so when *Paul* suffered shipwreck there among the barbarous people; which is a manifest token they are not in the love of God, whose fruits shew they are not in the true Spirit.

And this is to all fellow-brethren that are partakers with them in the Power of God and have a feeling and fellowship with them in their sufferings, that they might see and know how to love them, and what unkindness they find abroad among them that profess themselves Christians.

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RELATION OF Cruel Slavery

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for the Redemption of

ISLE of MALTA

Who have suffered great and cruel Slavery
Authority, there is no demand in the
on of their Slavery is come from their own hands and
months, as appears by the following Tables.
The two Tables show, Not only the number of
white and red. And this may be seen by the
the other Slaves, who are with the Port, and of what birth
they are; and that whole that are called Christians are white
than Heathens; for they falling into their hands, they have
been rescued by them with necessary things, and the proof
from which the Inhabitants and Knights of Malta, I cannot
(I believe) provided for them, is the Inhabitants. Now, it was
not so when I was there, for the Inhabitants were not
people, which is a manifest proof, that they are not in the
God, whole times the Slaves are not in the same place.

And this is to be observed, that the Slaves are not in the Port of Malta
and have a feeling and sympathy with the Slaves, who are not in the
and know how it is with them, and what they are doing, and what they are
that they are doing, and what they are doing.

An Epistle to the Readers.

MAny there be among the Nations in the world, that in their haste have unjustly condemned the innocent, guiltless and harmles people of the Lord of Hosts (scornfully called Quakers) viz. That they are Papists, Jesuits, and what else, adhering to the Whorish false Church of Rome; I say to such on this wise, which is my advice as a man to his friend, to whom this may come, Be not hasty to judge before the time, as many do to their own hurt, guilt and condemnation, before they have a clear and right understanding of the things that differ from equity and truth, and so the nobility of the mind which should weigh and pass true sentence of sound and perfect judgement, the same being veiled with a hasty dark spirit of prejudice, or evil surmising which gets up into the seat of enmity, and therein passeth sentence of the pure way and things of God as evil, heresie, and what else, and thus it comes to pass, and indeed it cannot be otherwise with such that have not their minds staied and fixed in that which is perfect and true, and clear, and single, as is the clear manifestation of the grace of life, which is the Light of the Lord Jesus shining in the heart and conscience of the Sons and Daughters of men; and the same Light of the Lord which lighteneth the poor and decaied man's eyes, is the true measure and equal ballance, which all is to try, and prove, and weigh words, thoughts, intents, ways, and actions; whether they be justifiable or condemnable; and hereby with the same measure of the true Spirit of God who is Light, a true sentence is to be passed accordingly: For if that which is perfect be measured with a false measure, or with an unequal ballance, it doth appear so to all that behold the same with an evill eye, or measure that with the same measure; save onely to them that discern the measure, weight, or ballance; as for instance, as to the thing natural, if a decaied man with a false measure,

being guided by a deceivable Spirit (albe-it his eyes are enlightened with the Light of the Lord, which is true) if he
 Prov. 29. measure a piece of cloth to his Customer, with his deceitful measure, though the cloth be good, yet he not giving it its true measure, the simple hearted is thereby deceived, and knoweth it not till it be brought to a true measure, which doth answer the true principle, or Light of God in the conscience to justification, as doth not the false, but contrariwise; wherefore its needful, and of absolute concernment, for the mind of every male and female, to be guided and exercised in the true manifestation of the Light of Jesus in the conscience; and so blessed is the man, the people, the family that brings their deeds to the Light, that they may be manifest that they are wrought in God who is Light, who is Truth; and so what is here following written and published is to be tried, and proved by the Witness of God in every Conscience which is true, and will answer to the same things or words that springs forth from its own clear nature.

Therefore, when thou hast honestly read his throughout with a meek Spirit of sobriety and moderation that's single and pure, then with the same spirit of singleness, and of true discerning judge honestly, and cease from hastiness in such matters of Eternity, lest a place of Repentance become finally hid from thine eyes, not to salvation, but contrariwise; which I desire not, neither doth the Lord, whose servant a living and true Witness I am; for Him; his Truth and People, of these things and much more.

Wherefore let the Reader see hereby, how that the Lord hath chosen the foolish things of this life to confound the wise; and that the living God Eternal hath chosen the weak things, to confound and bring to nought the things that are mighty, subtil, and potent; yea, base things which are so deemed despicable, and contemptible; yet behold God hath chosen them, and things that are not approvable in the sight of the prudent of this world, even to bring to nought things that are: But may some say, Wherefore, or why doth the most High, Wise, Invisible, Immortal God do thus? my answer is one and the same as the Apostle saith, viz. That no flesh should glory in his presence, who of God is made in Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, and Redemption: And why should it be accounted such a foolish thing in the eyes of the wise

men of this world, to see the wisdom of God dispensed through a weak Vessel? as is a free-born woman from above, a weaker Vessel than that of the man.

Now call me, oh man of understanding, What must not the Spirit of Christ, or the same that is begotten of God in the female, as well as in the male, what must not (I say) the same Spirit of life from God speak, but be limited in the weaker Vessel, in the foolish Vessel, in the Vessel which is not esteemed, but base, contemptible and despised in the eyes of lofty man that must be laid low, who excels in that wisdom and knowledge which is not from above, but otherwise, brutish, and puffeth up the fleshly mind that's enmity to God, and is therefore to be confounded and moved backward, and slain upon the Cross, which is the Power of God that crucifieth the lusts and inordinate affections of the flesh, which thereby come to be silent before the Lord, who is that one and self-same Spirit that is quick and powerful; so that not any other Spirit governs or rules over the members of the body, but that which created the body; and every Member, which is to have the supreme authority and preeminence, as well in the female as in the male; and so be the Spirit of Truth that's to guide into all truth; he, the man, is not he to speak, viz. Christ in the male, the same in the female, where he is risen and manifest as King, Priest and Prophet; a Guide, Leader and Commander in all equitable and just things which are truly honorable.

But the woman was in the transgression against the Spirit; Flesh lusteth against the Spirit, saith the Apostle; and the Woman (that's in the transgression) is to be under obedience; and to be in silence, to learn in silence, and to ask her Husband at home; but what if she have a disorderly, drunken Husband (and not Christ the man, the true Husband, the true Lord) how can he teach her, seeing the woman is to learn of her Husband in silence, and to be under obedience (and not to usurp Authority over the man) as also saith the Law, which hath dominion over all that are under it in the transgression, but the Spirit of Grace and Truth that's poured upon sons and daughters, teacheth us to deny the sin, and guideth from the same, and maketh free from its condemnation, and from under the Law, to be under the Grace and Truth that is in the one Seed Christ, in the Male Christ, in the Female, the quick-
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ning spirit, the Lord from Heaven; and so who are lead and guided by the, are not under the Law, which saith, the woman is not to usurp Authority over the man, as also saith the able Minister of the Ministry of the glory and riches of Eternity, which is Christ the fulness in his Saints, their hope of life and glory; but the woman is to be under obedience, as also saith the Law; yea, but they that are led by the Spirit, are not under the Law, for are the sons of God manifest; yet under the Grace covered; the same Grace with which the Man-Child, the holy Child Jesus was covered and filled with; the same, and no other but that which did and doth save the Saints from sin, and so from under the Law, and its condemnation; and not onely so, but also the same Grace which bringeth salvation, and appeareth to all men, it teacheth them not onely to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, but also to live soberly and righteously in this present world; and verily this Grace is in them which saves and justifieth them; and it is not of themselves, it is the gift of God.

And such are the servants of the living and true God, that have their fruits, (and possess the same) unto holiness; and not onely so, but the end of the same, which is the pure manifestation of the Eternal substance, to wit, everlasting life, pure, clean power, which is the excellent Treasure in the Earthen Vessels, as saith the holy Scripture, 2 Cor. 4.

But Oh ye Congregations of the dead! ye gathered Churches of so many Names and Heads, to you sounds my voice, saying, What have ye done? Oh! how guilty do ye appear before mine eye that's single (in the Lord's Light) of despising prophesying, and quenching the tender Spirit of glory, which resteth at this day in, and upon many sons and daughters; and behold if ye can see how they do, and have prophesied in the Name of the Lord, and have fore-warned you of that which is justly come to pass upon you, while many of you despised and wondered, in the days of haughtiness, and its prosperity among you. But oh my soul, how hast thou been wounded in me, whilst I have travelled and mourned over you! And so you have been found despising that, and quenching that Spirit of Grace which teacheth the Saints in Light, and reproveth for sin, and resisteth against the World, and its deeds, because they are evil.

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And this same Spirit strived long with you, and in you, and would have arisen upon its Authority, Power and great glory from on high; had ye not preferred and exalted the Spirit of this World in its proper place in you, above the just and long-suffering, which is but one and the same in male, and in female.

Oh! what have you done? Can any of you yet smite upon your thigh, and say so yet? if ye can, enquire, enquire ye, the Watchman's voice is the same it was, and not otherwise, viz. Return, come, yea, return and come to the tender Spirit of holiness, and of the gentleness of Christ, and his yoke of self-denial, and the daily Cross; they are the two great Ordinances which ye have left behind, and so the veil and the Darkness has covered you, but the true Israelites have Light in their dwellings, and their habitations is in the best of the Land of the living.

Wherefore my spirit saith, Return, come and hearken to the Lamb's voice, and now see whether ye can follow him (or a stranger) wheresoever he goeth; that's the true Prophet raised up like unto Moses, and obey his voice which savoureth not of this world; for so his Kingdom and servants are not. Therefore beware, lest your souls be cut off from the Land of the living, and ye perish in the outward observations, (by which the Kingdom cometh not) among the Congregations of the dead, where ye are yet seeking the living; but I as a Brother (even Joseph) tell you yet again, He is not there, but is arisen from the dead, from death to life, who is the quickening Spirit, the Lord from Heaven, over the Earth, over all the Land of Egypt, over the Land of darkness, the same Lord, the same Spirit which hath done excellent things, is exalted in the new Heaven, and in the new Earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness; and let the Virgin-Daughter of Sion publish the same, even from henceforth to all generations; yea and my spirit it's ready to say, Amen.

There was one that saw a little Stone cut out of the Mountain without hands, and he well retained his sight so long until (in the Light of the living) he saw the same which was so little, wax so great, that it became an exceeding great Mountain.

Verily, the beloved City is manifest, set upon a holy Hill; it cannot be hid from them that see; the glory of God doth enlighten it;

it, and the Lamb is the Light thereof, and his Light is like unto a stone most precious, clear as Chrystal.

The Fountain is opened free; come down from on high, and thou shalt see if thou dost thirst for springs of Life, To the Light submit thy mind, and cease from strife, in the same to behold the Bride, the Lamb's Wife, from the false Church.

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 A Salutation to the whole Body of the Elect of God, whether gathered or scattered abroad upon the face of the Earth. And tender Greeting, with Information from the same suffering and long suffering Seed, whose Earthen Vessels are held in the Bonds of Straits Captivity, under the Pope's dark and cruel Authority, in his Inquisition in the Island of Malta, for the Word of Life, which is the living Testimony of Jesus, and the truth of his Innocency which they hold and stand fast to, and in the same; having already suffered more then three years in the said Confinement, to the present 12th month of the year accounted 1667. of the same I bear Record also, and affirm to the Truth, of which I am a Servant, and living Witness,

Daniel Baker.

O Yee Eternal and Blessed ones, whose dwelling is on high, in the fulness of all Beauty and Brightness, Glory and everlasting Joy, Happiness and Peace for evermore; We who are poor sufferers for the Seed of God, in the Covenant of Light, Life, and Truth, do dearly salute and embrace you all, according to our measures, Blessing and honour and Glory be given to our Lord God for ever, of all who know him, who hath counted us worthy, and hath chosen us among his faithfull ones, to bear his name and to witness forth his truth, before the high and mighty men of the earth, and to fight the Lords battle with his spirituall weapons, to the breaking down of strong holds, high lofty looks and vain imaginations, and spirituall wickedness in high places.

The Lord did give us a prosperous journey hither, and when we came to Legorne, we were refreshed with friends [who were there before us] and they did get a passage for us (and lodging) but as soon as we heard of the Vessel, we did feel our service. So we went into the City in the living

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power of the Lord, and there were many tender hearts did visit us, to their comfort, and our joy: The little time we staid there we gave some of our Books, and one Paper: so journeying towards *Alexandria*, the Captain told us that *Malta* was in the way; and he must put in there a small time. But before we came there, our burthen was so heavy, that I was made to cry out (saying,) *Oh we have a dreadfull cup to drink at that place! Oh how am I pained till it be Accomplished!*

And when we came there, the walls of the City were full of people; some stood on the top of the walls, as if something had troubled them: before we came there we stood upon the deck of the ship, and I looked upon them, & said in my heart, *Shall ye destroy us: If we give up to the Lord, then he is sufficient to deliver us out of their hands; but if we disobey our God, all those could not deliver us out of his hand:* So all fear of man was taken from us. The English Consul came aboard the ship (as the Captain said) but we did not see him, and invited us to his House, it was the seventh or last day of the week: The next morning being moved of the Lord we went a-shore, and the Consul met us, and we gave him a paper, who sent us to his House, with his Servant, and when we came there at the present we well were entertained (like Princes) their *Neighbours* and *Kinsfolk* came in; and some *Jesuits*, and we gave them Books, they read a little, and laid them down, they were too hot; we declared our message to them in the Name of the Lord, and we gave some Books in the Street, for they were all *secular work*: Away went the Friars to the King (or Supreme in the Island) and he would not meddle with us, but said, we were honest women, we might go about our business, and that night we went a-board the Ship again, the Consul was troubled, for their snare was laid, and we felt it; being moved of the Lord we went in again the next day, and the Consul having a sister in the Nursery, desired us to go there, that she might see us, and we went to them, and gave them a book, then to the Consul we returned again, and sitting to wait to know the mind of the Lord, what he would have us to do, he said we must give in the great Paper; and if we would go to live our life, we should lose it.

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Here followeth a Copy of some more words which they had written before
the former was given forth.

A True Declaration concerning the Lord's love to us in all our
Voyage. We were at Sea, between London and Plymouth,
many Weeks, and one day we had some trials; and between
Plymouth and Legorn we were 31. days, and we had many trials
and storms within and without; but the Lord did deliver us out
of all: And when we came to Legorn, with the rest of our friends,
we went into the Town after we had product, and staid there
many dayes, where we had service every day; for all sorts of peo-
ple came unto us, but no man did offer to hurt us, yet we gave
them Books and having got passage in a Dutch ship we sayled to-
wards Cyprus, intending to goe to Alexandria, but the Lord had
appointed something for us to do by the way, as he did make it
manifest to us, as I did speak, for the Master of the ship had no
business in the place; but being in company with another ship
which had some business at the City of Malta, (in the Island of
Malta where Paul suffered shipwrack) and being in the Harbour,
on the first day of the Week, we being moved of the Lord, went
into the Town, and the English Consul met us on the shore, and
asked us concerning our coming, and we told him truth, and
gave him some Books, and a Paper, and he told us there was an
Inquisition, and he kindly entreated us to go to his house, and
said all that he had was at our service while we were there: And
in the fear and dread of the Lord we went, and there came ma-
ny to see us, and we call'd them to repentance, and many of
them were tender; but the whole City is given to Idolatry. And
we went a ship-board that night; and the next day we being mo-
ved to go into the City again, dared not to flie the cross, but in
obedience went, desiring the will of God to be done. And when
we came to the Governor, he told us that he had a Sister in the
Nunnary did desire to see us if we were free; and in the fear of
God we went, and talked with them, and gave them a Book, and
one of their Priests was with us (at the Nunnery) and had us in-
to their place of Worship, and some would have us bow to the
high Altar, which we did deny, and having a great burthen, we

went to the Consul again, and were waiting upon the Lord what to do; that we might know.

And the Inquisitors sent for us, and when we came before them, they asked our Names, and the Names of our Husbands, and the Names of our Fathers and Mothers, and how many children we had; and they asked us, *Wherefore we came into that Country?* And we told them, We were the Servants of the living God, and were moved to come and call them to repentance, and many other questions, and they went away, but commanded that we should be staid there. And the next day they came again, and called for us, and we came; but they would examine us apart, and called *Sarah*, and they asked, *Whether she was a true Catholick?* She said, that she was a true Christian that worshippeth God in spirit and in truth; and they proffered her the Crucifix, and would have had her svvare that she would speak the truth; and she said, *she should speak the truth*, but she would not svvear, for Christ commanded her *not to swear*, saying, *Swear not at all*: And the English Consul perswaded her with much entreating to svvear, saying, *None should do her any harm*: But she denied; and they took some Books from her, and would have had her swear by them, but she would not: And they asked, *Wherefore she brought the Books?* And she said, Because we could not speak their Language, and they might know wherefore we came; and they asked of her, *what George Fox was*; and she said, he was a Minister. And they asked, *wherefore she came thither?* She said, To do the Will of God, as she was moved of the Lord. And they asked, *how the Lord did appear unto her?* And she said, by his Spirit. And they asked, *where she was when the Lord appeared unto her?* and she said, upon the way. And they asked, *whether she did see his Presence, and hear his Voice?* And she said, she did hear his Voice, and saw his Presence; and they asked, *What he said to her?* and she said, the Lord told her, she must go over the Seas to do his Will; and then they asked, *how she knew it was the Lord?* and she said, he bid her go, and his living presence should go with her, and he was faithful that had promised, for she did feel his living presence, and so they went away.

Two dayes after they came again, and called for me, and offered me the Crucifix, and told me the Magistrate commanded me to

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that I would speak the truth. And I told them that I should speak the truth, for I was a Witness for God; but I should not swear, for a greater than the Magistrate, said, *Swear not at all, but let your yes be yes, and your nay be nay, for whatsoever is more, cometh of evil.* But said they, *You must obey the Justice, and be com-mended you to swear.* I said, *I should obey Justice, but if I should swear, I should do an unjust thing, for (the job) Christ said Swear not at all.* And they asked me, *Whether I did own that Christ which dwelt at Jerusalem?* I answered, *We owned the same: Christ, and no other, he is the same yesterday, to day and for ever.* And they asked me, *What I should do at Jerusalem?* I said I did not know that I should go there, but I should go to *obey him*; and they said, *What to do?* and I said, *to do the Will of God;* and if the Lord did open my mouth, I should call them to repentance, and declare to them the day of the Lord, and direct their minds from darkness to Light. Then they asked me, *Whether I did tremble when I did preach?* and I told them, *I did tremble when the power of the Lord was upon me.* And they asked, *Whether I did see the Lord with my eyes?* I said, *God was a Spirit, and he was spiritually discerned.*

That day that we were had from the English Consule to the Inquisition, the Consul's Wife brought us meat to eat, and as she put by me, I was smote with an Arrow to the heart, and I heard a voice, saying, *It is finished, she hath obtained her purpose;* I did not taste of her meat, but went aside, and wept bitterly. The Consul did affirm to us the night before, that there was no such thing as to enslave us; intended; but it was in us as fire, and our souls were heavy even unto death; for many dayes before we saw his Vision of our going there, (to prison) and we said *Pride* would do the Jews a pleasure, and wash his hands in innocency. He required a sign of me if we were the Messengers of God; and the Lord gave me a sign for him, that stuck by him while he lived. The same day it was, he called me, and told me the Inquisition had sent for us, and they had Papers from Rome; and he did hope we should be set free; which was a lye: For he knew there was a room prepared for us. And there came a man with a black Rod, and the Chancellor, and the Consul, and had us before their Lord Inquisi-tor, and he asked us, *Whether we had changed our minds yet?* We said,

said, Nay, we should not change from the truth. He asked, *What new Light we talk of?* We said, no new Light, but the same the Prophets and Apostles bare testimony to. Then he said, *How can this Light be lost ever since the primitive times?* We said, it was not lost, men had it still (in them) but they did not know it, by reason that the night of Apostacy had, and had overspread the Nations. Then he said, *If we would change our minds, and do as they would have us to do, we should say so, or else they would use us as they pleased.* We said, The Will of the Lord be done. And he arose up, and went his way with the Consul, and left us there. And the man with the black Rod, and the Keeper, took us, and put us in to an inner Room in the Inquisition, which had but two little holes in it for light or air; but the glory of the Lord did shine round about us.

After the Consul came with tears in his eyes, and said he was sorry as for his own flesh; but there was some hopes in time; and so he went away, but never had peace while he lived. He would have given up the thirty pieces of silver again, but it would not be received; the Witness was risen much in him, but slavish fear possessed him. This was upon the sixth day of the Week, and our stomachs were taken away from all meat.

The next second day came a Magistrate, two Fryars, and the man with the black Rod, and a Scribe, and the Keeper, to the Inquisition, to sit upon Judgement, and examined us apart concerning our faith in Christ. The Magistrate would have had us to swear, and we answered, No; Christ said, *Swear not at all*; and so said James the Apostle. He asked, *if we would speak truth?* We said, yea. He asked, *Whether we did believe the Creed?* We said, We did believe in God, and in Jesus Christ, which was born of the Virgin Mary, and suffered at Jerusalem under Pilate, and arose again from the dead the third day, and ascended to his Father, and shall come to judgement, to judge both quick and dead. He asked, *How we did believe the Resurrection?* We answered, We did believe that the just and the unjust should arise, according to the Scriptures. He said, *Do you believe in the Saints, and pray to them?* We said, We did believe the Communion of Saints; but we did not pray to them, but to God onely, in the Name of Jesus Christ. He asked, *Whether we did believe in the Catholick Church?* We said, We did believe

believe the true Church of Christ; but the Word Catholick we have not read in Scripture. He asked, if we believed a Purgatory? We said, No; but a Heaven and a Hell. The Fryar said, We were commanded to pray for the dead; for those that were in Heaven had need; and they that were in Hell there is no redemption; therefore they must be in Purgatory. He asked, if we believed their holy Sacrament? We said, We never read (the Word) Sacrament in Scripture. The Fryar replied, Where we did read in our Bibles Sanctification, it was Sacrament in theirs. He said, Their holy Sacrament was Bread and Wine, which they converted into the Flesh and Blood of Christ by the virtue of Christ. We said, they did work Miracles then, for Christ's virtue is the same as it was when he turned Water into Wine at the Marriage in Canaan. He said, If we did not eat the flesh, and drink the blood of the Son of God, we had no life in us. We said, the Flesh and Blood of Christ is spiritual, and we do feed upon it daily; for that which is begotten of God in us, can no more live without spiritual food, than our temporal bodies can without temporal food. He said, that we did never hear Masse. We said, We did hear the voice of Christ, he only had the words of eternal life, and that was sufficient for us. He said, We were Hereticks and Heathens. We said, they were Hereticks that lived in sin and wickedness, and such were Heathens that knew not God. He asked, how our Meetings in England? And we told them the truth to their amazement. And they asked, Who was the Head of our Church? We said, Christ. And they asked, What George Fox is. And we said, He is a Minister of Christ. They asked, Whether he sent us? We said, No, the Lord did move us to come. The Fryar said, We were deceived, and had not the faith, but we had all virtues. We said, that faith was the ground from whence virtues do proceed. They said, If we would take their holy Sacrament, we might have our liberty, or else the Pope would not leave us for millions of Gold, but we should lose our souls and our bodies too. We said, the Lord had provided for our souls, and our bodies were freely given up to serve the Lord. They askt us, if we did not believe Marriage was a Sacrament? We said, it was an Ordinance of God. They askt us, if we did believe men could forgive sins? We said, None could forgive sin, but God only. They brought us that Scripture, Whose sins ye commit in earth, shall be committed in heaven. We said, All Power was God's, and he could

could give it to whom he would (that were born of the Eternal Spirit; and guided by the same, such have power so do the Fathers Will, as I answered a Fryar also in the City of Naples.) and they were silent, the Power greatly working. We asked them wherein we had wronged them, that we should be kept Prisoners all days of our lives, and said, Our innocent blood would be required at their hands.

The Fryar said, *He would take our blood upon him, and our Journey into Turkey too.* We told him, the time would come he would find he had enough upon him without it. They said, *The Pope was Christ's Vicar, and we were of his Church, and what he did, was for the good of our souls.* We answered, The Lord had not committed the charge of our souls to the Pope, nor to them; for he had taken them into his own possession, glory was to his Name for ever. They said, *We must be obedient.* We said, *We were (obedient) to the Government of Christ's Spirit.* The Fryar said, *None had the true Light but the Catholicists, the Light that we had, was the Spirit of the Devil.* We said, Wo to him that calleth Jesus accursed: Can the Devil give power over sin and iniquity? then he would destroy his own Kingdom. He said, *We were laugh'd at, and mock'd at of every one.* We said, What did become of the mockers? It was no matter. He said, *We did run about to preach, and had not the true Faith.* We said, the true Faith is held in a pure Conscience void of offence towards God and man; and we had the true Faith. And he said, *There was but one Faith, either theirs or ours; and aske us which was?* We said, Every one had the true Faith, that did believe in God; and in Jesus whom he had sent, but they that say they do believe; and do not keep his commandments, are lyars, and the truth is not in them. He said *it was true;* but he did Christ daily for our blood; because we would not turn, and urged us much about our Faith and Sacrament, to bring us under their Law; but the Lord preserved us.

They said, *It was impossible we could live long in that hot Room.* So the next Week-day they sat in Councils but oh how the swelling Sea did rage, and the proud waves did foam even unto the clouds of Heaven, and Proclamation was made at the Prison-Gate, we did not know the words, but the fire of the Lord flamed against it, [K.] my life was shorten, and I was in a very great agony, &

sweat was as drops of blood, and the righteous one was laid into
 a Sepulcher, and a great stone was rolled to the door, but the
 Prophecy was, that he should arise again the third day; which
 was fulfilled. But the next day they came to sit upon Judgement
 again, [but I say, in the true Judgement they see not, but upon
 it they got up unjustly above the righteous, and upon the same
 they sat, a child of Wisdom may understand] and they brought
 many Propositions written in a paper, but the Bishops would suffer
 the Magistrate to propound but few to us, for fear the Light
 would break forth; but they asked how many friends of ours were gone
 forth in the Ministry, and into what parts. We told them what we
 did know. They said, all that came, where the Pope had anything to do,
 should never go back again. We said, the Lord was as sufficient for
 us, as was for the children in the fiery Furnace, and our trust
 was in God. They said, we were but few, and had been but a little
 while, and they were many Countreys, and had stood many hundred years;
 and wrought many Miracles, and we had none. We said, we had thou-
 sands at our Meetings, but none (of us) dare speak a word, but
 as they are eternally moved of the Lord, and we had Miracles, the
 Blind receive their sight, the Deaf do hear, and the Dumb do
 speak, the Poor do receive the Gospel, the Lame do walk, and
 the Dead are raised. He asked, *Why I look so, whether my Spirit was
 weak?* I said, Nay, my body was weak, because I eat no meat, [it
 was in their Lent.] He offered me a License to eat flesh. I said I could
 not eat any thing at all. The terrors of death were strongly upon
 me, but three nights after, the Lord said unto me, about the 17th
 hour, *Arise, and put on your Clothes.* I said, *When wilt thou come
 Lord?* He said, *Whether at midnight, or at Cock-crow, do thou
 watch.* My Friend and I arose, and the Lord said, *Go stand at
 the Door.* And we stood at the door in the power of the Lord, I
 did scarce know whether I was in the body, or out of the body;
 and about the 17th hour there came many to the Prison-Gate,
 We heard the Keys, and looked when they would come in: They
 ran to and fro till the 4th hour; the Lord said, he had smote
 them with blindness, they could not find the way. And we
 went to bed, there I lay night and day for 12 days together, fast-
 ing and sweating; that my bed was wet, and great was our affli-
 ction. And so now I have told you some things of our afflictions.

The tenth day of my fast there came two Fryars, the Chamber-
 ler, the man with the black Rod, and a Physician, and the Keeper
 and the Fryar commanded my dear Friend to go out of the room,
 and he came and pull'd my hand out of the bed, and
 said, *Is the Devil so great in you, that you cannot speak?* I said, De-
 part from me thou worker of iniquity, I know thee not; the Po-
 wer of the Lord is upon me, and thou call'st him Devil. He took
 his Crucifix to strike me in the mouth; and I said, Look here! and
 I asked him, Whether it were that Cross which crucified Paul to
 the World, and the World unto him? And he said, it was. I de-
 nied him, and said, the Lord had made me a Witness for himself
 against all workers of iniquity. *He bid me be obedient,* and went to
 strike me: I said, Wilt thou strike me? He said, *he would.* I said,
 Thou art out of the Apostles Doctrine, they were no strikers; I
 deny thee to be any of them who went in the Name of the Lord.
 He said, *he had brought me a Physician in charity.* I said, the Lord
 was my Physician, and my saving-health. He said *I should be whipt,*
and quartered, and burnt that night in Malia, and my Mate too: where-
fore did we come to teach them? I told him I did not fear, the Lord
 was on our side, and he had no power but what he had received;
 and if he did not use it to the same end the Lord gave it him, the
 Lord would judge him. And they were all smitten as dead men,
 and went away.

And as soon as they were gone, the Lord said unto me, *The*
last Enemy that shall be destroyed, is Death; and the Life arose
 over Death, and glorified God. The Fryar went to my friend,
 and told her, *I called him worker of iniquity.* Did she, said Sarah,
say so without sin? He said *he was.* Then she hath wronged thee.
 [But I say, the wise Reader may judge.] For between the eighth
 and ninth hour in the evening, he sent a Drum to proclaim at
 the Prison Gate. We know not what it was; but the fire of the
 Lord consumed it. And about the fourth hour in the morning
 they were coming with a Drum and Guns; and the Lord said un-
 to me, *Gett'st out of thy Grave-Clothes?* And we arose, and they
 came up to the Gate to devour us in a moment. But the Lord
 lifted up his Standard with his own Spirit (of Might) and made
 them to retreat, and they stood as lost before the Wind, praise
 and honour be given to our God for ever. I went to bed again,

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and the Lord said unto me, Herod will seek the young children life to destroy it yet again; and great was my affliction; so that my dear fellow and laboured in the Work of God, did look every hour when I should depart the body for many days together, and we did look every hour when we should be brought to the stake day and night, for several weeks, and Isaac was freely offered up. But the Lord said, he had provided a Ram for the Bush. Afterwards the Fryer came again with his Physician; I told him, that I could not take any thing, unless I was moved of the Lord. He said, we must never come forth of that Room while we lived, and we might thank God and him it was no worse, for it was like to be worse. We said, if we had died; we had died as innocent as ever did servants of the Lord. He said, it was well we were innocent. They did (also) look still when I would dye.

The Fryer bid my friend take notice what torment I would be in at the house of Death, thousands of Devils (he said) would fetch my soul to Hell. She said, she did not fear any such thing.

And he asked if I did not think it expedient for the Elders of the Church to pray over the sick? I said, yea; such as were eternally moved of the Spirit of the Lord. He fell down on his knees and did howle; and with bitter wishes upon himself if he had not the true faith; but we denied him. The Physician was in a great rage at Sarah, because she could not bow to him; but to God onely.

The last day of my fast I began to be a hungry; but was afraid to eat, the enemy was so strong; but the Lord said unto me, If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink. In so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head; he will be as chaff before the wind, but thou shalt overcome him. I did eat, and was refreshed, and glorified God; and in the midst of our extremity the Lord sent his holy Angels to comfort us; so that we rejoiced and magnified God; and in the time of our great trial, the Sun and Earth did mourn visibly three dayes, and the horns of death and prins of Hell was upon mee; the Sun was darkened, the Moon was turned into blood, and the Seas did fall from heaven; and there was great tribulation ten dayes, such as never was from the beginning of the world;

and then did see the Son of man coming in the Clouds, with power and great glory, triumphing over his enemies; the Heavens were on fire, and the Elements did melt with fervent heat, and the Trumpet sounded out of *Sion*, and an Allarum was struck up in *Jerusalem*, and all the Enemies of God were called to the great day of Battle of the Lord, And I saw a great wonder in Heaven, the Woman clothed with the Sun, and had the Moon under her feet, and a Crown of 12 Stars upon her head, and she travelled in pain ready to be delivered of a Man-child, and there was a great Dragon stood ready to devour the Man-child as soon as it was born; and there was given to the Woman two Wings of a great Eagle to carry her into the desert, where she should be nourished for a time, times, and half a time; and the Dragon cast a Flood out of his mouth, &c. And I saw War in Heaven, *Michael* and his Angels against the Dragon and his Angels, and the Lamb and his army did overcome them; and there was a Trumpet sounded in Heaven, and I heard a voice saying to me, The City is divided into three parts, and I heard another Trumpet sounding, and I looked and saw an Angel go down into a great pool of water, and I heard a voice saying unto me, Whosoever goth down next after the troubling of the Waters, shall be healed of whatsoever Disease he hath. And I heard another Trumpet sounding, and I heard a voice, saying, *Babylon* is fallen, is fallen, *Babylon* the great is fallen, And I looked, and saw the smoke of her torment, how it did ascend; and I heard another Trumpet sounding, and I heard a voice saying, Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven for he that is mighty hath magnified you, and holy is his Name, and from henceforth all generations shall call you blessed. And I heard another trumpet sounding in Heaven, and I heard a voice saying unto me, Behold, and I looked, and I saw *Pharaoh*, and his Host pursuing the Children of *Israel*, and he and his Host were drowned in the Sea.

Dear Friends and People, whatsoever I have written, is not because it is recorded in the Scriptures, or that I have heard of such things, but in obedience to the Lord I have written the things which I did hear, see, tasted and handled of the good Word.

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Word of God, to the praise of his Name for ever.

And all this time my dear Sister in Christ Jesus was in as great affliction as I (in a manner) to see my strong travel night and day; yet she was kept in the patience, and would willingly have given me up to death, that I might have been at rest; yet she would have been left in as great danger, wo and misery, as ever was any poor captive for the Lord's truth; for they did work night and day with their divinations, inchantments and temptations, thinking thereby to bring us under their power; but the Lord prevented them every way, so that great was their rage, and they came often with their Physician, and said it was in charity; I askt them whether they did keep us in that hot room to kill us, and bring us a Physician to make us alive.

The Fryar said, *the Inquisitor would lose his head if he should take us thence, and it was better to keep us there, than to kill us.*

The Room was so hot and so close, that we were fain to rise often out of our bed, and lie down at a chink of their door for air to fetch breath; and with the fire within, and the heat without, our skin was like sheeps Leather, and the hair did fall off our heads, and we did fall often; our afflictions and burthens were so great, that when it was day we wished for night; and when it was night we wished for day; we sought death, but could not find it; We desired to die, but death fled from us. We did eat our bread weeping, and mingled our drink with our tears. We did write to the Inquisitor, and laid before him our innocency, and our faithfulness, in giving our testimony for the Lord amongst them; and I told him, if it were our blood they did thirst after, they might take it any other way, as well as to smother us up in that hot room. So he sent the Fryar, and he took away our *Ink-horn*, (they had our Bibles before.) We asked why they took away our goods? They said, *it was all theirs, and our lives too, if they would.* We asked, how we had forfeited our lives unto them; they said, *For bringing Books and Papers.* We said, if there were any thing in them that was not true, they might write against it. They said, *they did scorn to write to fools and asses that did not know true Latin.* And they told us, *the Inquisitor would have us separated, because I was weak, and I should go into a cooler room, but Sarah should abide there.* I took her by the arm, and said, *The Lord hath joined us together,*

gether, and we be to them that should part us. I said, I rather chose to dye there with my friend, than to part from her. He was smitten, and went away, and came no more in five weeks, and the door was not opened in that time. Then they came again to part us; but I was sick, and broken out from head to foot. They sent for a Doctor, and he said, *We mu't have air, or else we must dye.* So the Lord compelled them to go to the Inquisitor, & he gave order for the door to be set open six hours in a day; they did not part us till ten Weeks after: But oh the dark clouds and the sharp showers the Lord did carry us through! Death it self had been better than to have parted in that place. They said, *we corrupted each other, and that they thought when we were parted, we would have bowed to them.* But they found we were more stronger afterwards than we were before; the Lord our God did fit us for every condition. They came and brought a Scourge of small Hemp, and asked us, *if we would have any of it.* They said, *they did whip themselves till the blood did come.* We said, that could not reach the Devil, he sat upon the heart. They said, *All the men and women of Malta were for us, if we would be Catholicks, for there would be none like unto us.* We said, the Lord had changed us into that which changed not. They said, *all their holy women did pray for us, and we should be honored of all the world if we would turn.* We said, we were of God; and the whole world did lye in wickedness; and we denied the honor of the World, and the glory too. They said, *We should be honored of God too, but now we were hated of all.* We said, it is an evident token whose servants we are; the servant is not greater than the Lord, and that Scripture was fulfilled which saith, *All this will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.*

Upon a first day of the Week, we were fasting and waiting upon the Lord till the second hour (after mid-day) and the Fryars came and commanded us *in the Name of the Lord to kneel down with them to prayer.* We said, we could not pray but as we were moved of the Lord. They commanded us the second time. Then they knelt down by our bed side, and prayed: and when they had done, they said, *they had tried our spirits, now they knew what sort we were of.* We told them, they could not know our spirit, unless their minds were turned to the Light of the Lord Jesus in their Consciences. The English Fryar was wroth, and flew

ed us his Crucifix, and bid us look there. We said, The Lord saith, *Thou shalt not make to thy self the likeness of any thing that is in hea-
ven above, or in the earth beneath, nor in the water under the earth;*
thou shalt not bow to them, nor worship them, but I the Lord thy God on-
ly. He was so mad, he called for the irons to chain Sarah, because
she spake so boldly to him: She bowed her head, and said to him,
Not onely my feet, but my hands and my neck also for the Testimony of
Jesus. His wrath was soon appeased, and he said, *He would do us*
any good he cou'd; he did see what we did was not in malice, the power
had broken him down for that present; they came to us often,
saying, If you would do but a little, you should be set at liberty; but you
will do nothing at all, but are against every thing. We said, We are
against nothing that is of God, but would do any thing that
might make for God's glory.

Many did think we should not have been heard nor seen after
we were in the Inquisition, but the Lord did work wonderfully
for us and his Truth: For they new built the *Inquisition*, and there
were many *Labourers* for a year and a half, and the great men
came to see the building; and we were carried forth with great
power to declare in the Name of the Lord Jesus, not fearing the
face of man; the Lord was our strength. But behold they threat-
ned us with *Irons and Halters*, for preaching the Light so boldly,
and they said, *None ought to preach but Prelates to a Bishop,* (as they
use to say in England.) Now their Lord *Inquisitor* (so called) and
the *Magistrates* were kept moderate towards us, and gave order,
we should have Ink and Paper to write to England. But we were hin-
dered still; and yve do believe they would have set us at liberty,
had it not been for the Fryars; it was they that wrought against
us still to the Pope and to the *Inquisitor*; and we told them so. They
sought three quarters of a year to part us, before they could
bring us into pain, and when they did part us, they prepared a bed
for Sarah, and their own *Catbolicks* lay upon the boards, that had
not beds of their own. When we were parted, the Lord would
not suffer me to keep any money, I knew not the mind of God
yet. Their Fryars came and said, *We should never see one anothers*
faces again; but the Inquisitor should send me my food. But the
Lord would not suffer him so to send it, Sarah did send
me such as she could get in three Weeks; then the
Fryar came and askt me, *what I did want?* I said, one towell my
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Linnen, and something hot to eat; I was weak. He sent to Sarah to know if she would do it for me. She said she would. And by that means we did hear of each other every day. The Fryar said, *You may free your self of misery when you will; you may make your self a Catholick, and have your freedom to go where you will.* I told him, I might make my self a Catholick, and have a name that I did live, when I was dead; and said, he had Catholicks enough already; he should bring some of them to the Light in their Consciences, that they might stand in awe, and sin not. He said, *He would lose one of his fingers if we would be Catholicks.* I said, it was Babylon that was built with blood, *Sion* was redeemed through Judgment. They would have had me to a Picture set at my beds head, for a representation. I askt them if they did think I did lack a Calf to worship? And whether they did not walk by the Rule of Scripture? The Fryar said, *They did, but they had traditions too.* I said, if their traditions did derogate or discent from the fundamentals of Christ's Doctrine, the Prophets and Apostles, I denied them in the Name of the Lord. He said, *they did not.* I askt him where they had their Rule to burn them that could not join with them for Conscience? He said, *St. Paul did write, he gave them to the Devil; and that they did judge all damned that were not of their Faith.* And he askt whether we did judge them so? I said, No, We had otherwise learned Christ. I askt him why they did bind that which the Lord did not bind; and fetters, chains and limits, where the Lord did not as in meats and drinks, or in respect of days or times, which the Apostle called *beggary Elements*, and rudiments of the world, and forbidding to marry, (a Doctrine of Devils said I.) He could not tell what to say, but told me, *That Saint Peter was the Pope of Rome, and did build an Altar there; and the Pope was his Successor, and he could do what he would.* I denied that, and said, We never read any such thing in Scripture, for Peter Christ's Apostle had no money to build Altars, he himself did offer Sacrifice upon the Altars made without hands. And he said, *We were but a few, and was on ship but late, and they were many, and had stood fourteen hundred years, and God was a liar if they had not the true faith, for he had confirmed it to them by a cloud and a rainbow.* I said, the Levi number, and the little Flock is Christ's Flock. He askt if we ever then all the world said he, I said, our Father

was from the beginning. *Abel* was of our Church; and *the world* by wisdom did not know *God*. He went to *Sarah* with the same temptation; and she told him also, that *Abel* was of our Church. He said *Abel* was a *Catholic*, and *Cain* and *Judas* were so. She said, Then the Devil was a *Catholic*, and she would not be one. He threatened her, and told her how many they were.

She said, *Daniel* was but one; and if there were not more but for her self, she would not turn; but took her fingers and chewed them, if they would tear her joint-meal, she did believe the Lord would enable her to endure it for the Truth.

So they went from one to another thinking to entangle us in our talk; but we were guided by one Spirit, and spake one and the same thing in effect, so that they had not a word against us, but for righteousness sake: Our God did keep us by his own Power and Holiness out of their hands; honor and praises be given to his powerful Name for ever.

He (the said Fryar) came to me another time like a Bear robbed of her Whelps, and told me, if I would be a *Catholic*, I should say so; otherwise they would use me badly, and I should never see the face of *Sarah* again, but should dye by my self, and a thousand Devils should carry my soul to Hell. I asked him if he were the Messenger of God to me. He said he was. I said, What is my sin or wherein have I provoked the Lord, that he doth send me such a stark Message? He said, Because I would not be a *Catholic*. I said, I deny thee and thy Message too, and the Spirit which spake in thee; the Lord never spaketh. He said, that he would lay me in a whole Pile of Charr, where I should see neither Sun nor Moon. I said, he would not separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus, lay me where he would. He said, He would give me to the Devil. I said, I did not fear all the Devils in Hell, the Lord was my Keeper; Though he had the Inquisition, with all the Connerys round about, on his side, and was alone by my self, I did not fear them; if there were thousands more, the Lord was on my right hand, and the work they could do, was but to kill the body, they could not touch my life no more than the Devil could *Jah's*. He said, that I should yield up our *father's* Name alive. I said, the Lord was sufficient to deliver me: But whether he would, or would not, I would not forsake my living Fountain to drink at a broken Cistern.

tern : And they had no Law to keep us there, but such a Law as Ahab had for Nabab's Viayard. He curs'd himself, and call'd upon his gods, and went forth, and as he was making fast the door, he put in his hand at the hole of the door and said, *Abide there Member of the Devil.* I said, The Devil's Members did the Devil's Works, the Woes and Plagues of the Lord would be upon them for it. He went and told the Inquisitor of it, and he laugh'd at him : I saw it, and felt it in that which is Eternal. I was moved out of that Room before he came again, and when he came, he brought one of the Inquisitors men with him, and two very good Hens, and said, *the Lord Inquisitor had sent them in love to me.* I said, his love I did receive, but I could not take his Hens, for it was not the practice of the servants of the Lord to be chargeable to any while they have of their own. He said, *We must not count anything our own, for in the primitive times they did sell their possessions, and laid them down at the Apostles feet.* He said, *We should not want anything if they did spend a thousand Crowns,* I believe he would have had us lay down our money at his feet. He said *I was proud, because I would not take the Inquisitors Hens when he sent them me in Charity.* I asked whether he kept me in Prison, and sent me his Charity. He said, *it was for the good of our souls he kept us in prison.* I told him, Our souls were out of the Inquisitors reach, or his ether, he told me before, *if we had not been going to preach, we might have gone where we would.* I ask him, What should our souls have done then said why their love should extend more to us, than to their own family? They could not charge us with sin, and they did commit all manner of sins, they might put them into the inquisition and bid turn. He said again *We had not the true Faith,* and shew'd me his Crucifix, and ask'd me *if I thought he did worship there?* I told him what he did do with it? He said *it was a Representation.* I said, it did not represent Christ, for he was the express image of his Father's glory, which is Light and Life. I said, if he could put any life in any of his images, he might bring them to me. And I ask him what Representation Daniel had in the Lyons Den, or Jonas in the Whales belly, they cry'd unto the Lord, and he deliver'd them. He said, *I talk like a mad woman, I talk so much against their idols.* He was in a rage, and said, *He would give me to the Devil.* I bid him give him own, I am the Lord. He stood up and

said.

said, He would do by me as the Apostles did by Ananias and Sapphira. He stood up and opened his mouth; and I stood up to him and de-
 manded him in the Name of the Lord, the living God, and said he
 had no power over me. And away he went to Sarah with the
 Hen, and told her that I was sick, and the Lord Inquisitor had sent
 me Hens, and I would be glad to eat a piece of one if she should dress one
 of them presently, and the other to-morrow. [Mark, this Deceiver!
 this Liar!] But she standing in the Counsel of the Lord, answer-
 ed him accordingly as did, and he carried them away again. We
 did not dare to take them, the Lord did forbid us. He said, You
 would fain be burned, because you would make the World believe you did
 love God so well as to suffer in that kind. I said, I did not desire to be
 burnt; but if the Lord did call me to it, I did believe he would
 give me power to undergo it for his truth; and if every hair of
 my head was a body, I could offer them up all for the Testimo-
 ny of Jesus. He came twice to know whether I had not been inspired
 of the Holy Ghost to be a Catholic since I came into the Inquisition. I
 said, No; he said, we were; he said, We called the Spirit of the Holy
 Ghost the Spirit of the Devil. We said, the Spirit of the Holy Ghost
 in us will resist the Devil. We told him the inspiration of the
 Holy Ghost was never wrought in the Will of man, nor in man's
 time, but in the Will of God, and in God's time. He asked, How
 we did know a clean spirit from an unclean Spirit? We said, an unclean spi-
 rit did burden the Seed of God, and dam up the Springs of Life;
 and a clean spirit would open the Springs of Life, and refresh the
 Seed; it was a Riddle to him, but he said it was true: He would as-
 sent to pure truth sometimes.

We asked him, Whether every man and woman did not stand
 guilty before God of all the sins they ever committed before Re-
 generation? He said, Yea. And he did confess all their Learning
 and languages (in their places) was but to serve the Lord. We
 told him, all their Praying, Preaching and Crouding, was no more
 accepted than Cain's Sacrifice, unless they were moved of the E-
 ternal Spirit of the Lord. We ask him, if he that was in them,
 was greater than he that was in us; and why they had not over-
 come all that time? We were very sensible of their workings
 day and night. He said, Because we resisted still. We ask him for
 our Bibles? He said, We should never see them again, they were false.

We said, if they were consulting Books, they had no warrant from the Lord to take them from us.

They always came two Fryars at a time, and they would fall down and howl, and wish bitter wishes upon themselves if they were not in the truth. We would deny them, and preach truth to them, the Light of the Lord Jesus in the Consciences of every one, to lead them to a pure life, and did ask them where the pure and holy life was, and what all of them did do, that the people did live in sin and all manner of wickedness? And whether words and forms would serve without life and power? He was as bloody a fiery Serpent, as ever was born of a Woman, and did strike as hard at our lives, & would hold up his hand often to strike us, but had never the power he would quickly be tuc down, that he would say, *we were good women, and he would do us any good.* He was compell'd to work for us sometimes, and would say it was for God's sake, and would have us thank him for it. We would tell him, those that did any thing for God, did not look for a reward from man. He said, *We were the worst of all creatures, and we should be used worse than any; the Turks, Armenians, Protestants and Lutherans should be used better than we.* We said, the pure life was ever counted the worst, and we must suffer; we were the Lords, and could trust him; let him do what he would with us, we did not fear any evil tydings; we were settled and grounded in the truth, and the more they did persecute us, the more stronger we did grow; We were bold and valiant for God's Truth, that whatsoever we did suffer, we could not fear. We were separated two years; I had neither fire nor candle in that time above two hours; none did bring me any, nor I had not freedom to call for any.

The Fryars went to Sarah, and told her, if she would, she should go forth of the Prison, and say nothing, nor do nothing. She said, she would upon that account. He said, they would come in the morning, and so they did; but the Lord saw their deceit, and forewarned Sarah, and bid her mind Esau, who sold his Birth right for a morsel of meat; and Judas, who betrayed his Master for thirty pieces of Silver. That when they came, she (was strengthened against them, and) said, she stood in the Counsel of God, and could take up nothing in her own will; they had not power to have her forth. They said the Inquisitor said, if we did want Linen, Wood,

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ten, Stockins, Shooes or Money, vve should have it.

But there was a poor *English* man heard that *Sarah* was in a room with a Window next the Screer, it vvas high; he got up, and spake a few vvords to her; and they came violently, & hall'd him down, and cast him into prison upon life and death: And the Fryars came to know of us vvwhether he had brought any Letters. We said no; I did not see him. They said, they did think he would be hang'd for it. He was one that they had taken from the *Turks*, and made a Catholick of him. *Sarah* wrote a few lines to me of it, and said she did think the *English* Fryars were the chief actors of it, (we had a private way to send to each other.) I vvrote to her again, and after my Salutation, I said, Whereas she said the Fryars vv ere the chief actors, she might be sure of that, for they did haiken to fill up their measures; but I believe the Lord wil preserve the poor man for his love; I am made to seek the Lord for him with tears: And I desired she would send him something once a day, if the Keeper vvould carry it, and I told her of the glorious manifestations of God to my soul, for her comfort, so that I was ravished vvith love, and my Beloved was the chiefest of ten thousands; and how I did not fear the face of any man, though I did feel their arrows, for my Physician is nigh me; and how I was vvaiting upon the Lord, and saw our safe return into *England*, and I was talking with *G.F.* to my great refreshment: The Name of *G.F.* did prick them to the heart, I said, it vv as much they did not tempt us with money. I bid her take heed, the Light would discover it, and many more things, let it come under what cover it vvould.

And this Paper came to the Fryar's hands, by vvhat means vve could never tell, but as the Light did shew us, the Lord vvould have it so; it smote the Fryar, that he vv as tormented many days, and he translated it into *Italian*, and laid it before their Lord Inquisitor, and got the Inquisitor's Lieutenant, and came to me with both the Papers in his hand, and askt me if I could read it? I said, Yea, I writ it. O! did you indeed! (said he.) And what as it you say of me here? That which is truth said I. Then he said, Where is the Paper *Sarah* sent? bring it, or else I will search the Trunk, and every vvhere else. I bid him search vvhere he vvould. He said, I must tell vvhat man it was that brought me the Ink, or else I should be cyyed with

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with Chains presently. J told him J had done nothing but vvhhat vvas iust and right in the sight of God, and vvhhat J did suffer vwould be for I ruth's sake; and J did not care. J vwould not meddle nor make with the poor Workmen. He said, *For God's sake tell me what Sarah did write?* J told him a few vvords, and said it was truth. Said he, *You say it is much we do not tempt you with money.* And in few hours they came and tempted us with money often. So the Lieutenant took my ink and threw it away; and they were smitten as it they vwould have fallen to the ground, and vvent their vvay. J saw them no more in three Weeks; but the poor man vvas set free the next morning.

They went to Sarah, and told her *that I had honestly confest all, and that she was best to confest too, and threatened her with a Haltcr, and to take away a Bed and Trunk, and her Money, to have half of it for me.* She answered, she might not lend to me any more. She askt him, Whether he was a Minister of Christ, or a Magistrate? if he vv ere a Magistrate, he might take her money, but she vwould not give it him: And they that were vvith him, said, *No, he should not meddle with any thing.* He was a bitter wicked man. He told her, *She was posselt.* She answered and said, *she was with the povver of an endless life.*

The Lord was not vvanting to us at any time, for Povver nor Words to stop the mouths of Gain-sayers of his Truth, neither in Revelations nor Visions; Praises be to his Name for ever. He kept us in our weakest condition, bold for his Truth, declaring against all sin and wickedness, so that many were convinced, but did not dare to own it, for fear of Faggot and Fire. There were none that had any thing to say against vvhhat vve spake, but t' e Fryers, but would have us to join with them. There were none did come into the inquisition, but the judgements of the Lord vwould be upon them; so that they vwould cry and foam, and send for a Physician many of them. The unclean spirits would cry out as much as ever they did against Jesus, and wou'd gnash with their teeth when vve were at prayer; there was a Fryer and other great men, the Fryer would run as if he had been at his Wits end, and call to the Keeper, and he vwould run for the English Fryer, and he would go the Inquisitor for counsel, and sometimes they would send them word they should have a remedy, J should be sent to

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Ames, and sometimes the Fryers would come, but had not power to say any thing to me of it. The Lord did say to us, *But up poor Woe! like the noise of a Trumpet, and sound forth my Wrath like the shout of a King.* There was one that life was arisen in him but they were upon him as Eagles til they had destroy'd him; he did undergo terrible Judgements all the time he was in the Inquisition.

Our money served us a year and seven Weeks; and when it was almost gone, the Fryars brought the Inquisitor's Chamberlain to buy our Hats. We said, we came not there to sel our clothes, nor any thing we had. Then the Fryar did commend us for that, and told us *we might have kept our money to serve us otherwise.* We said, No we could not keep any money, and be chargeable to any. We could trust God, He said, *He did see we could; but they should have maintained us while they kept us Prisoners.*

And then the Lord did take away our stomachs, we did eat but little for three or four Weeks; and then the Lord called us to fasting for eleven dayes together, but it was so little, that the Fryars came and said, that *it was impossible that Creatures could live with so little meat*, as they did see we did for so long time together; and asked *what we would do?* And said that Lord Inquisitor said, *We might have any thing we would.* We said, We must wait to know the mind of God, what he would have us to do. We did not fast in our own Wills but in obedience to the Lord. They were much troubled, and sent us meat, and said *the English Consul* sent it. We could not take any thing till the Lord's time was come. We were weak, so that Sarah did distress her head as she would lye in her Grave. (poor Lamb) I lay looking for the Lord to put an end to the sad trial which way it seemed good in his sight. Then I heard a voice, saying, *We shall not owe.* I believed the Lord, and his glory did appear much in our hall: he was very gracious to us, and did refresh us with his living presence continually, and we did behold his beauty to our great joy and comfort, and he was large to us in his promises, so that we were kept quiet and still, (the sting of Death being taken away,) our souls, hearts and minds were at peace with the Lord, so that they could not tell whether we were dead or alive but as they did call to us once a day, till the time the Lord had appointed we should eat; and they were made to bring.

bring many good things, and laid them down by us; so that Scripture we witnessed fulfilled, *Our Enemies treated us kindly in a strange Land*, said I. But we were afraid to eat, and cryed to the Lord, and said, We had rather dye, than eat any thing that is polluted and unclean. The Lord said unto me, *Thou mayest as freely eat, as if thou hadst wrought for it with thy hands; I will sanctifie it to thee through the Cross.* And he said to Sarah, *Thou shalt eat the fruit of thy hands, and be blessed.* We did eat and were refreshed, to the praise and glory of our God for ever. We did eat but little in two Months, and they did bring us what ever we did speak for, for 8, or 10. dayes; and afterward we were so strained for want of food, it did us more hurt than our Fast. Yet the Lord did work as great a Miracle by our preservation, as he did by raising *Lazarus* out of the Grave! The Fryars did say, *the Lord did keep us alive by his mighty power, because we should be Catholicks.* We said, the Lord would make it manifest to us then; they should know the Lord had another end in it one day.

But still they said, *There was no Redemption for us.* We said, with the Lord there was mercy and plenteous Redemption. Vve bid them, take heed ye be not found fighters against God. They said, *We were foolish women.* We said we were the Lord's fools, and the Lord's Fools were right dear, and precious in his sight, and we told them that do offend them. He said, *they were the Lord's fools, and shewed us their deceitful Gowns, and their shaven Crowns, and said, they did wear it for God's sake, to be laught at of the world.* We said, they did not wear it for God's sake, unless they were moved of the holy Spirit of God to wear it. He said, *it was no matter, they did wear it because of their Superiors.* [mark, 2nd before it was for God's sake, as he said] He thought to bring us under him for our food, and did make us suffer a while, though the Inquisitor and the Magistrates had taken a course we should want for nothing. But the Lord did torment him and all the rest, till they did bring us such things as were fitting. Then he did work all that he could to send me to Rome, and was coming two or three times (for what I know) to fetch me forth, but the Lord would not suffer them; and when they saw they could not prevaile that way, they said vve should go both, but the Fryar should go first, because he vvas not vvell; he got leave to go, he vvas so vvery

of coming to us, that he did beseech the Lord Inquisitor he might come no more to us. He told Sarah, *I was a Witch, and that I knew what was done at London*, and he would come to me no more, he said, Because vvhhen he did tell me a company of lyes, I said, *I had a witness for God in me, which was faithful and true, and I did believe Gods witness.*

The Diviners did vxax mad, and did run as at their vvits end, from Mountain to Hill, and from Hill to Mountain, to cover them: They ran to the Inquisitor, and vvrit to the Pope, and vvnt to him, their King did not hide them at all; some of them did gnash vvith their teeth, and even gnawv their tongues for pain: Yet the rest would not repent of their blasphemy, sorcery, nor inchantments, but do post on to fill up their measures; Oh! the Lord reuward them according to their vvorks. A little before the Fryar vvnt to Rome, he came to the Inquisition Chamber vvith a Scribe, to vvrite concerning us, to carry it vvith him; I sawv him, as God would have it; the Lord said, *There is thy deadly foe.* They vvre vvriting part of three dayes; and vvhen they had ended it, the Lord would not let me eat till the Scribe did come where I was, that I might pronounce vvo against it, and desie it, which I did do in the Name of the Lord, and it did wither vvith all the rest: After it vvas gone, the *English Consul* came to us vvith a Scribe, and he brought us a doller from a Master of a Ship that came from *Plymouth*; I told him, I did receive my Countrey mans Love, but could not receive his Money. He askt me, *What I wou'd do if I would take no money?* I said, the Lord was my portion, and I could not lack any good thing. I said to him, We were in thy House near 15. Weeks, didst thou see any cause of Death or Bonds in us? He said, No. I askt him, how he would dispence vvith his Conscience for telling us, *He would have us before the Inquisition*, and then didst know that Room vvas provided for us; and had not we been kept alive by the mighty Power of God, we might have been dead long since. He said, *How could I help it!* I said. We are the Servants of the living God, and were brought here by permission, and in the Spirit of Meekness gave in our Testimony for the Lord in faithfulness, and told you the truth as it is in Jesus, and called you all to repentance, and fore-warned you in love to your souls, of the evil the Lord is bringing upon you, if you do not

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repent, He said; *However it be, it will go well with you.* [Mark that.] I told him, he required a sign of me when we were at his house, if we were the servants of the Lord God; I gave him a sign from the living God, and my friend gave him another from the Lord, to his shame and destruction for ever. I askt him, Whether it were not true we spake to him, he said it was, *but how should he help it?* I said, Thou art a condemned person, and stands guilty before God; yet nevertheless repent, if thou canst find a place. He smil'd upon the Scribe in deceit, but his lips did quiver, and his belly trembled, and he could scarce stand upon his legs. He was as proper a man as most was in the City, and full, and in his prime age. Oh he was confum'd as a Snail in a shell, which was a sufficient sign for the whole City, if their hearts were not harder than Adamants. He said, *How should he help it?* He might have help'd it, but he was as willing to prove us, as any of them all. He was sworn upon his Oath to protect the *English*; and their Ruler bid him let us go about our business, and said, *We were honest women;* and then he might have let us go before we were under the black Rod.

Then he went to *Sarah* with the Doller; she told him she could not take the Money; but if he had a Letter for us, she should be free to receive that. He said, *he had not any.* He askt her *what she did want?* She said, the Lord was her Shepherd, she could not want any good things; but she did long for her Freedom. He said, *That you may have in time.* He told us, *we should have ink and paper to write:* But when he was gone, they would not let us. The next time we heard of him, he was dead; We could have rejoiced if he had dyed for righteousness sake; for the Lord delighteth not in the death of a sinner.

The Fryar was gone to *Rome*, and they said, *he must stay there till we came.* There was great working to send us there, but the Lord did prevent them, that they could not send us there. Then the Lord did work to bring us together again: after so long time we had been parted. There were five doors between us with Locks and Bolts, but the Keeper had not power to make them fast, but as *Sarah* could undo them to come where I could see her, but could not speak to her; for there were them that did watch us night and day; yet the being moved of the Lord, did come to my

my door by night; she must come by the Fryars door, he and the Doctor of Law were together, and they did set a trap to take her in, and many did watch about the Prison, and would complain. Then she was lockt up again; but they had no peace in that, till the doors were open again; then we did sit in the sight of each other, to wait upon the Lord; so that our voices were heard far; the Magistrates would hear and bow to it sometime; then the complainers were weary, and did work to have us brought together; and we did wait and pray, and the Magistrates would come in and look upon us many times, but would say nothing to us. There were of divers Nations brought into the Inquisition Prisoners, and the Fryars, and the rest that were great, would go in their way to make Christians of them; and we were made to stand up against them and their vvays, and deny them in the Name of the Lord, and declare the truth to the simple-hearted continually, if vve did suffer death for it; We could not endure to hear the Name of the Lord blasphemed, nor his pure Way of Truth perverted, nor the ignorant deceived. They did vwrite all they understood of vvhat vve spake, and sent it to the Court-Chamber before the Inquisitor and Magistrates, but the Lord did blast it vvith the Mildevv of his vvratheful indignation, and burnt it up vvith the brightness of his Son, and vve rejoiced in our God; but still our burdens continued very heavy, and our righteous souls vvere vexed vvith the filthy Conversation of the Wicked, and the pure Seed of God vv as prest from day to day, that our spirits did mourne, and our hearts vv ere grieved because of the hardness of their hearts, and their Rebellion against their Maker, vvho vv as so gracious to them, to suffer them so long in all their abominations, and vvaited to be gracious to them, and knock at the Door of their hearts; calling for *Justice, Mercy and Humility*; but behold *Oppression, Cruelty, and Self-Exaltation*, notwithstanding the Lord did strive so much vvith them, and sent so many undeniable truths, and infallible testimonies of the coming of his Son to Judgement, and so clear a manifestation of the vvay to eternal Salvation, given forth of his own mouth, by his eternal Spirit, and having us for an example vvho vv ere kept by his Pover and Holiness, they had not a jot nor tittle against us, but for righteousness sake, though they had vvinnovved and fanned us so long:

Glory, honor and praise be given to our God for ever. O they would not let us know of any *English Ship* that came into the Harbour, as near as they could, but the Lord would make it manifest to us; We had a great working and striving in our bodies, but we knew not what it meant; the arrows of the Wicked did flye, so that my soul was plunged and overwhelmed from head to foot, and the terrors of the unrighteous had taken hold of us, and the flames of Hell compassed us about; then the Lord appeared unto me in a dream, and said; *There were two English Friends in the City which did plead for our liberty in our behalf, and he had taken all fear away from them, and made them bold.* And in a little while after the Magistrates sent for us forth, and asked us, *whether we were sick,* or *whether we did want anything;* and were very tender to us, and said; *we should write to England,* and bid the Scribe *give us Ink and Paper;* he said he would; but he was so wicked he did not. They did not tell us of any *English* that were there; but there was one *Francis Steward* of London, a Captain of a Ship, and a Fryar of Ireland, which came to the City together (for what we know) and they did take great pains for us, and went to their Ruler, and the Inquisitor, and to severall Magistrates and Fryars, and the new *English* Consul with them, and wrought much amongst them, that all were willing to let us go, save the Inquisitor; they said; and he said, *He could not free us without an Order from the Pope.* But we had many heavy Enemies besides, which would not be seen; but they obtained the favour to come and speak with us, which was a great thing in such a place.

They sent for us to the Court-Chamber, and the *English* Consul asked us, *if we were willing to go back to England?* We said, if it were the Will of God we might. The Captain spake to us with tears in his eyes, and told us what they had done for us. but could not prevail; It is this Inquisitor (said he) the rest were made free; you have preached among these people he said. We told him we were called upon the Testimony of our Conscience and the truth that we have witnessed forth among them; we should stand to maintain with our blood. He said, *if they could get us off, he would freely give us our passage, and provide for us,* and the Vessel was his own. We told him, his love was as well accepted of the Lord, as if he did carry us. He offered us money, he said the Lord would

not suffer us to take any. He took our Names: We told them they took us out of our way, and put us into the Inquisition, and bid us change our minds: and we could not, the Lord had changed us into that which changed not, if they would burn us to asher, or chop us as Herbs to the Pot. The Fryar said, *We did not work;* which was false; we had Work of our own; and did work as we were able. We told him, our Work and Maintenance was in England. And they said, *it was true.* He said, *We would not accept of the Inquisitors Dyer.* We did not know who did prepare for us; we did receive our meat as we had freedom in the Lord. Then he said, *We had suffered long enough, and too long, but we should have our freedom in few days, and that they would send to the Pope for an Order.* And there were many English Ships that way; but the Captain saw it was a very hard thing; so that it grieved him to the heart: He prayed God to comfort us, and he went away; and we do beseech God to bless and preserve him unto everlasting life, and never to let him nor his go without a blessing from him, for his love: he did venture himself exceedingly in that place. But after he was gone, they arose up against us with one accord; the Inquisitor came up into a Tower, and looked down upon us as if he would have eaten us, and they did try us for our lives again, and did shut up our doors many Weeks; we could not tell for what; at length the Inquisitor came into the Tower again, and Sarah was moved to call to him, to have the door opened for us to go down into the Court to wash our clothes. Then he gave command for the door to be opened once a Week; and in a little while 'twas open every day. But great was our affliction indeed; and she told him, if we were the Popes Prisoners, we would appeal to the Pope, and he should send us to him. But them in the prison with us, especially the Fryar, were mortal Enemies to us, but yet they would have fed us with the choicest of their meat, and would gladly give us whole Bottles of Wine, if we would receive it, and were greatly troubled because we did refuse to eat and drink with them, and did persecute us exceedingly; but the Lord did visit them with his dreadful Judgements, the Fryar was tormented night and day, his body did perish, the Doctors and Chyrurgions did follow him a long time.

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And there were two or three English Ships there, came into harbour, and Sarah saw the coming of them in a Vision of the night, and there was great pleading for us, that we saw; but she heard a Voice, saying, *We could not go now.* So we were made willing to wait the Lords time.

Then they sent for us forth when the Ships were gone, and asked us if we would be Catholics: And we said, we were true Christians, and had received the Spirit of Christ, and he that had not the Spirit of Christ, was none of his. The English Consul told us of the Ships, and said, they would not let us go unless we would be Catholics; and that we must suffer more imprisonment yet; and said, he did what he could for us. One of the Magistrates shewed us the Cross; We told them, and said, We did take up the Cross of Christ daily, which is the great Power of God to crucifie sin and iniquity. So we told them that one of their Fathers did promise us our liberty. We did think that Fryar was too tender-hearted to stay among them; he did take a great deal of pains for us (the Captain said) we told him, he would never have cause to repent; the blessing of God would be upon him for any thing he should do for us; for we were the Servants of the living God, and he promised us our freedoms in a little time.

*This following I received from them in other Papers
to Friends. D. B,*

O Dearly beloved Friends, Fathers and Elders, and Pillars of Gods Spiritual House, and Brethren and Sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ, in the measure of Love and Life of our God, do we salute you all, and do embrace you in that which is Eternal, and we do greatly rejoice and glorifie the Name of our Heavenly Father, that he hath commended us worthy to be partakers of the death and sufferings of his blessed Son, with you, though we be the least of Gods Flock, yet we are of the true Fold, whereof Christ Jesus is Shepherd; and he hath had as tender a care over us, as he hath had of any of his Lambs which he hath called forth in this the day of his Power, and hath carryed us through, and over, as great afflictions as most of our Brethren and sufferers for his Name

Names; both in mockings, scoffings, scornings, reproaches, stripes, contradictions, perils at Land, and perils at Sea, fiery tryals, cruel threatenings, grief of heart, sorrow of soul, heats and colds, fastings and watchings, fears within, and frightings without, terrible temptations and persecutions, and dreadful imprisonments and buffetings of Satan; yet in all these our tryals the Lord was very gracious unto us, and not absent himself from us, neither suffered his faithfulness to fail us; but did bear us up, and keep us from fainting in the midst of our extremity; we had not another to make our mean to, but the Lord alone, neither could we expect a drop of mercy, favour or refreshment, but what he did distil from his living Presence, and work by his own strength; for we sa'e one in one room, and the other in another, near a year, as Owls in Deserts, and as people forsaken in solitary places; then did we enjoy the presence of the Lord, and did behold the brightness of his Glory, and we did see you our dear Friends, in the Light of Jesus, and did behold your order, and steadfastness of your Faith and Love to all Saints, and were refreshed in all the faithful heaven, and felt the issues of Love and Life which did stream from the hearts of those that were wholly joined to the Fountain, and were made sensible of the benefit of your prayers.

O the sorrows, the mournings, the tears! but those that sown in tears, shall reap in joy. A true sorrow begets a true joy; and a true Cross, a true Crown: For when our sorrows did abound, the Love of God did abound much more; the deeper the sorrows, the greater the joys; the greater the Cross, the weightier the Crown.

Dear Friends and Brethren, marvel not that Israel is not gathered, our Judgement remains with the Lord, and so do our Labours; for it was not for want of travel, nor pain, nor love to their souls; for we could have been contented to have fed upon the Grass on the ground; so we might have had our freedom amongst them: For had it not been for the great opposition, they would have followed after us as Chickens after a Hen, both great and small: But oh the swelling seas, the raging and foaming Waves, Stormy Winds and Floods, and deep Waters, and high Mountains and Hills, hard Rocks, rough ways, and crooked paths, tall Cedars, strong Oaks, fruitless Trees, and corrupted ones, that cumber the ground, and hinder the righteous Seed to be sown, and the noble Plants from being planted: Oh! they shut up the Kingdom against the simple-hearted, and hide the key of knowledge from the innocent ones, and will not enter into the Kingdom themselves, nor suffer them that would

would enter; but stir up the Magistrates to form carnal Weapons, thinking to prevent the Lord of taking to him his Inheritance, and to dispossess his Son who is heir of all, that he might not have a dwelling-place amongst them, nor a habitation nigh them; because that his Light will discover their darkness, and his brightness will burn up all their abominations, and mar their beauty, and stain their glory, their pomp and their pride, that it may perish as the untimely Figs, and fall as the Flower of the Field, and wither as the Grass upon the house-top. Oh the Belly of Hell, the Jaws of Satan, the whole Mysterie of iniquity is at the height, and all manner of abominations that make desolate, stands where it ought not, and is upholden by a Law, That upon pain of death none must speak against it, nor walk contrary to it. But praises to our God, he carryed us forth to declare against it daily. Oh the blind Guides, the seducing spirits that do cause the people to err, and compel them to worship the Beast and his Image, and to have his mark in their fore-heads, and in their hands, and to bow to Pictures and painted Walls, and to worship the things of their own hands, and to fall down to that which their own fingers have fashioned, and will not suffer them to look towards Sion upon pain of death, nor to walk towards Jerusalem upon pain of Faggot and Fire, but must abide in Babel, and believe whatsoever they speak or do, to be truth. But oh the wayes, the workships, the fashions, forms, customs, traditions observations and imaginations which they have drawn in by their dark Divinations, to keep the poor people in blindness and ignorance, so that they perish for want of knowledge, and are corrupted, because the way of truth is not made known among them; they are all in the many wayes, out of the one true and living way, and their wayes be so many and so monstrous, that they are unsearchable; but the Lord our God hath kindled a fire in the midst of them, that will consume all forms, fashions, customs and traditions of men, and will burn up the bryars, thorns and tares, stubble and fruitless Trees, and corrupted ones, and will blast all the fruits, works and labours of wicked and ungodly men, with the Mill-dews of his wrathful indignation, and will scatter all his Enemies with the Whirl-winds of his displeasure. They do not know the Scriptures. Their Bibles would grieve any honest heart to behold them, because of the corruption: They said, our Bibles were false: I asked wherein? The Fryar said, Maccabees was not in them. I said, if any were taken from them, yet the rest might be pure; but if any were added to them, then they were corrupted. He asks me, who

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ther I did not think it meet for every one to bow at the Name of Jesus. I said, Tea. He said, Jesus, and bid me fall down, or bow my body. I told him, My heart and whole body was bowed under the Name of Jesus; but I should not stoop to his will, nor any man's else: He that departeth from iniquity, boweth to the Name of Jesus; but those that live in sin and wickedness, do not stoop to the Son of God. And he told me, they stood in the same Power the Apostles did, and were guided by the same Spirit as they were. I asked why they did abuse their Power then, and make use of Carnal Weapons. He said they did not, they were all spiritual, their Inquisition, & their Chains and Irons, and all is spiritual *. And he asked, Whether we judged them all damn'd that were not of our Judgement. I said, Nay, we had otherwise learned Christ; those that were in a Reprobate condition to day, the Lord may call them out of it to morrow, for what I know. He said, They did judge us damn'd, and all that were not of their Faith. I told him, Man's Judgement we did not matter.

* The wise
may judge.

A VISION.

IN a Vision of the night I saw in the Firmament six Suns, one at a distance from the rest, that did appear to be but half an hour high; the other five stood four-square, one in the middle, and they did crosse over each other; the highest did not seem to be above an hour high. And when I did awake, I was troubled in my Spirit to know the Vision; and I waited upon the Lord, and he signified to me in the Light, The six Suns were six Nations, whose Lights were near out; and the five which crossed each other, signified to me some rising amongst them.

And the Fryar came to me, and said, It was God's will we should be kept there, or else they could not keep us. I told him the Lord did suffer wicked men to do wickedly, but did not will them to do it. He did suffer Herod to take off John Baptist's head, but he did not will him to do it; and did suffer Stephen to be stoned, and Judas to betray

betray Christ, but he did not will them to do it; for if he had, he would not have condemned them for it. He said, *Then we are wicked men*: I said, They are wicked men that work wickedness. The Fryar would say still, *We had not the true Faith*. We said, By Faith we stand, and by the Power of God we are upholden; dost thou think it is by our own power and holiness we are kept from a vain conversation, from sin and wickedness? He said, *That was our pride*. We said, No, We could glory in the Lord, we were children of wrath once as well as others; But the Lord hath quickned us that were dead, by the living Word of his Grace, and hath washed, cleansed and sanctified us through soul and spirit, in part, according to our measures, and we do press forward towards that which is perfect. He then did say, *We were good Women, but yet there was no redemption for us except we would be Catholics*.

Now the Lord said, *Fear not Daughters of Sion, I will carry you forth as Gold tryed out of the fire*. And many precious promises did the Lord refresh us with, in our greatest extremity, and would appear in his glory, that our souls would be ravished in his presence; I had the Spirit of Prayer upon me, and I was afraid to speak to the Lord, for fear I should speak one word that would not please him. And the Lord said, *Fear not Daughter of Sion, ask what thou wilt, and I will grant it thee, whatsoever thy heart can wish*. I desired nothing of the Lord but what would make for his glory, whether it were my liberty or bondage, life or death, wherein I was highly accepted of the Lord.

The Room wherein I was separated, was near the Chancery, where all the Bishops Courtiers did resort, and would come into the Inquisition Courts, and I had Work amongst them daily; they would come on purpose to their condemnation; some would be smitten, and run as if they hunted; and some would be set on fire, and cry, *Caldere, caldere, and fuoco, fuoco*, and many would pity us because we were not Catholics; the Fryars would say, *We might be Catholics, and keep our own Religion too: and we should not be known we were Catholics, except we were brought before a Justice of Peace*. We ask if we should profess a Christ we should be ashamed of?

But as for the poor Workmen, they were willing to do any thing for us, and were diligent to hear us, the Witness of Christ

them did answer to the truth; there were many eyes over them; had it not been for the great opposition, there were hundreds would have flown to the truth.

And because I said I did talk with G.F. he (the Fryar) asked, Whether G.F. did bring me money to maintain me in prison. I said, no, but though I was absent in body, yet I was present in spirit, and was refreshed in him, and in hundreds more besides. They said, I had seen Revelations, and had talks with G. F. and he was God's Revelation. Sarah said, Christ was God's Revelation; he said, she came under the Halter for saying Christ was God's Revelation. She answered, St. Paul said, As soon as it pleased God to reveal his Son in me, I did not consult with flesh and blood, but immediately I went and preached him; and is not Christ God's Revelation then? He said, who denied that?

What they would have done to Sarah if they had taken her forth, we know not; but the Lord did work so wonderfully that night for the preservation of her poor soul out of their net, that he is worthy to be glorified for ever.

The next time he came to me, he came in sheeps clothing, but he had a Woolf under his Gown; he gave me words as soft as Butter, and as smooth as Oyl, when he had a Sword in his heart, and a Spear in his hand, when they speak most fairest, then beware of them.

He desired us we would not think so hardly of him, as if he were the Author of all our wrongs and troubles; he was not (he said) but would do any good he could for us, were it with his blood. But we thought he had been the chiefest that cast the poor man in prison, but he was the man that hope him out without any punishment at all, though the Inquisitor did say he should be severely punished. I told him he did well, he would have peace in it, and would never have cause to repent it. He did entreat us, he might not bear all the burthen. We told him of many wicked things he did act against us, and of his lying and cruel words. He bid us, take no notice what he did speak. But we did feel his spirit, that what he spake, he would do, if he had not been chained. I did use to tell him, My Conscience was not feared with a hot iron, I was not past feeling. At last he was so weary of coming to us, he did entreat the Inquisitor he might not come to us any more; the Judgements of the Lord did

follow him so, it was like to kill him:

When we were parted, the Lord did vwork mightily for us, and we were kept by the Power of the Lord over our Enemies, and were bold for God's Truth, and did make war vvith them in righteousness, so that they could not gain-say us in the truth: So that Scripture was fulfilled, *The wicked mouths must be stopped*; and they were put to silence, praises be to our God, and were made to confess or say, *Of a truth God was in us*; our God was a consuming fire to them, they were not able to stand in his presence, but they would howl and make a noise like Dogs, and cry, *Jesu, Maria*, and flye as people driven by a mighty rushing Wind; the Power of the Lord did pursue after them like a Sword; that Scripture was fulfilled, which saith, *Christ came not to send peace on earth, but a sword*, to cut down his Enemies; the Lord was on our side, and did take our part, and did fight for us, and did tread down our Enemies under our feet, that they could not hurt us. Mighty vvas the Work of God daily, our tongues cannot expresse it; they did vwork day and night vvith their Incantments and Divinations, Sorceries, unclean, Spirits crying and foaming; insomuch we could take little rest day or night sometimes; but the Lord vvas vvith us, and did work mightily by his power, and kept us over them in the life of the Son of God. My Prison was nigh to the Pallace, and to their Worship, that I could be heard of both; and it was laid upon me of the Lord, to call them to repentance, and to turn to the Light vvherevvith they were enlighten'd, vvich would lead them out of all their wicked Ways, Works and Worship, to serve the true and living God in spirit and in truth; the Power did raise the Witness in many, and troubled them; they did sigh and groan; and some did stay to hear me, so long as they durst; for there were many did watch; and it was upon pain of death, or at least to be imprisoned: As was the poor *English* man that did come and speak to me, whom they haill'd down violently, and put him in prison; but the Lord delivered him for his love.

And we were parted near a year, but great was the Work of the Lord, and great was the Power to carry it on. He was not wanting to us, glory be to his Name; but did give us Words and Wisdom according to our Work: So that Scripture was fulfilled which saith on this wise, *Ye need not premeditate afore-hand what*

to speak, or what to say; for it shall be given you of my Heavenly Father what ye ought to speak, that the Enemies shall not gain say; they were so tormented, that they did run to the Hills and to the Mountains to cover them from the presence of the Lord, and from the Wrath of the Lamb which sits upon the Throne to judge them righteously, and to condemn them for all their wicked deeds which they so ungodly had committed against him.

Oh the goodness of the Lord, and his long-suffering and forbearance which would lead them to repentance, but they would not hearken to his counsel, but turned his laws behind their backs, and hated to be instructed by them; therefore the Lord did laugh at their destruction, and did mock when their fear came: Their wickedness was so great, and my burthens so heavy to bear it that I cryed to the Lord, and said, It is better for me to dye, than to live; and would gladly have given up my life in testimony against them all; I was (as I were) compell'd to declare against all their ways, works and worships, insomuch that they ran to the Inquisitor to have me chained, or punished some other way; but the Power of the Lord chained them, that they could not diminish a hair of my head; the Lord was my safety, praises be to his Name for ever.

Now some as they passed to their Worship Houses, would sigh, and some pray; and some did throw stones at my Window; they did work night and day about the Prison, as though they would have broke through to slay me; but the Lord was with me, and did fight for me, and did scatter his Enemies as the dust before the Wind: Glory be to his Name for evermore.

I cannot expresse the large love of our God, how he did preserve us from so many deaths and threatnings, as they did come to me with falling down upon their knees, saying Mafs, and would have me to say after them; but in the Name of the Lord I denied them. They would howle like Dogs, because they could not beguile the innocent, and slay my righteous life; but praises be to the Lord our God, who did preserve me from the VVoolf and the Devourers, denying them and their Sacrifices.

And when they saw they could not prevail to betray us from the truth, then they said, they would give us to the Devil to be tormented, and deliver us over to their bad Catholicke, to do by us as they pleased.

pleased; for they would use us badly, and so they did seek to do: Oh the cursed noises and cries the *Sodomites* did make, crying, *Quake, Quake*; running about the Prison raging, and some singing and crowding round the Prison night and day, as if they would have broke through to slay me; and the sons of *Belial* did run to bear false witness, so that I looked every hōur when they would fetch me out, and slay me. The Enemy did so work to perswade, that they had prest my dear yoke-fellow with stones, vvhich vvas a great trouble to me, because I could not suffer death with her; I did yeild she had been slain: And afterwards this great tribulation being ended, then they said my (dear and faithful) yoke-fellow should be sent to *Rome*, and I should tarry at *Malta*, which did so entreate my sorrow, and wrought upon my spirit to try and examine wherefore the Lord should deal so hardly with me, as to leave me behind; or whether he did not count me worthy to go and give in my testimony vwith her to *Rome*, and offer up my life for the Testimony of *Jesus*, than to have my liberty to return to *England* vwith her, and I cryed day and night to the Lord, and vwould not give my soul let, nor my eyes sleep, till the Lord did answer me, glory and praises be to his Name for ever. But vve saw *Jacob* must part vwith all, *Ben'amin* must go too. So vve vvere vvvilling to give up in obedience to the Lord; our trials were unspeakable. Oh the unclean spirits! they vwould speak to us at noon-day; but the Lord did give us power over them, that we did not fear the wild Bores out of the Wood, nor the vvilde Beasts out of the Field.

Then there vvas one came and said, that *Catherine* and I must be sent both to *Rome*; Which did reioice my soul, and renewed my strength, because the Lord did count me Worthy to go and give in my Testimony for his Truth, the Word of his Prophecie, before the great and mighty ones of the Earth. The Lord said, *I should not be afraid*; and he shewed me in the Light how he had bowed them down before us, and saw them in the Light of *Christ*, how the Pope, the Fryars and Sorcerers stood in ranks, bowing down before us. So we saw our Dominion in Spirit: They did work to send us to *Rome*, but the Lord did blast it; and fought against them, that they could not send us.

Now our Testimony was as largely given in at *Rome*, as at *Malta*: The Fryars came to me, and shewed me *Mary* and her Babe pictured against the Wall, and would have me look upon it. I stamp with my foot and said, Cursed be all Images and Image-makers, and all that fall down to worship them: Christ Jesus is the express Image of his Fathers brightness, which is Light and Life, who doth reveal the mystrie of iniquity, the cunning working of Satan, to draw out the mind to follow him, from the pure life, and to veil over the Just One from beholding the Presence of the Lord: But glory be to the Lord, who hath made him manifest in thousands of his, in this Day of his Power, When we were separated, we spake one and the same thing, being guided by one Spirit. They would go from me to *Catharina*, they would bid her speak as *Sarah* did; and so she did to their condemnation: Praises to the Lord, *Amen*.

A Paper sent from them to the Pope's Lord Inquisitor in MALTA.

For the Lord Inquisitor and his Council, &c.

Many persons I cannot admire; they that do admire and respect any man's person, do it because of advantages; and such are transgressors, the Apostles (*St. James and Jude*) say.

In obedience to the Lord, in love to your souls, from the Fountain of Love, and Springs of Life that stream forth to the refreshment of the whole City of God, am I constrained to visit you with these few Lines; and I beseech you to read it with the Spirit of Moderation and Meekness, and see that nothing in you arise up against it, for it is God's Truth.

Christ Jesus who is the Light of the world, which hath enlightened every one that cometh into the world, saith, This is Life eternal, To know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

sent, Now the knowledge of God is Life Eternal; and there is no other way to come to this knowledge, but to have the mind turned from darkness to the Light, out of the visible, to that which is invisible, viz. the Light in the Conscience, which convinceth of sin and iniquity, when no mortal eye can see you; and as you come to love it, and to have your minds staid upon it, you will feel the incomes of God's Power to administer condemnation upon the transgressor, that keeps the pure Seed in bondage in you; For Zion is redeemed through Judgement, and her Converts with Righteousness.

Saint Paul saith, If thou believest in thy heart the Lord Jesus, and confessest with thy mouth that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved; for with the heart man believeth unto salvation; and we do believe, and see, and taste, and handle of the good Word of Life, and have received the Spirit of Truth, to lead us into all truth, and doth bring all things to our remembrance, without any visible thing. And Saint Paul wrote to the Galatians, saying, My little Children, of whom I travel in birth till Christ be formed in you. Where Christ is formed within, there needs no form without; the outward form is called an Earthen Vessel, or an Earthen Tabernacle, or an Earthen House, but Christ Jesus is the express Image of his Father's Glory (or Substance) which is Light and Life.

Now the Image of Christ is a pure and a holy Image, a meek and a Dove like Image, an innocent and a Lamb-like Image, a righteous and a glorious Image, Christ in you the hope of glory, saith the Apostle to the Saints.

The Lord our God hath given to every man a measure of the manifestation of his own Spirit to profit withall, which is the Light in the Conscience, the true Teacher of his People; it is the Grace of God that bringeth salvation, that appeareth to all men, and it teacheth all that come, to believe in it, and to love, and to be guided by it, to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to walk soberly, righteously, holy and godly in this present world; and it will deal plainly with every one; none need to fear being deceived by that in them which doth condemn them for sin and evil: But they that live in pride, are deceived already; they that live in covetousness, are deceived already; and they that live in Lusts or Drunkenness, are deceived already; or in Lying, Swearing, Adultery or Idolatry, are deceived; or in Hypocrisy and Deceit, hard heartedness or Cruelty, they are deceived already; for these

you know, *we* fruits which do proceed from a deceived heart, being corrupted for want of knowledge: My people perish for want of knowledge (saith God) He that hath not the spirit of Christ, is none of his, and he that hath the Spirit of Christ, ought himself to walk as Christ walked: Now Christ was no persecutor, he never imprisoned any, nor ever put any to suffer, but he and the holy Prophets and Apostles were made to suffer as evil-doers, this we know.

The Day of the Lord is hot and terrible against all sin and iniquity, and that nature from whence it doth proceed, and we are a WO for all them that are laying up of a Fuel for it: This is God's Truth, whether you can receive it, yea or nay, I am ready to seal it with my blood, if the Lord shall call me to it.

Whosoever shall interpret this Paper before the Lord Inquisitor, (so called) I charge thee in the Name of the living God, as thou wilt answer before his dreadful presence, to interpret it word by word, as it is written, without adding or diminishing.

Katharine Evans.

THE Fryar then came to me, and askt me, *why I did not work?* I said unto him, *What Work dost thou do?* He said *he did write.* I told him I would write too, if he would bring me a Pen, Ink and Paper; and I would write truth. He said, *He would not that we should write; for St. Paul did work at Rome, and we might get nine or ten grains a day, if we would knit, that is three half pence.* I told him, if we could have that priviledge amongst them, that St. Paul had at Rome under Caesar, which was a Heathenish King, we would have wrought, and not have been chargeable to any. St. Paul lived in his own hired House two years, with a Souldier to look to him and had friends of the same Occupation to work with him, and could send where he would, and whosoever would come to him, might, and he taught them in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and no man forbade him. So I aske him, *Whether he knew the holy War of God, yea or nay?* if he did, I told him he then did know we could not be without exercise day nor night. Then his mouth

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was stopped, and he spake no more to me of work : But though our affliction of body was very great, and our travel of soul was greater, yet we did knit Stockins, and gave to them that were made serviceable to us, and did make Garments for the poor prisoners, and mended their Clothes which had need, and were made helpful to them all, to their condemnation, that did persecute us. But we could not vwork at the Fryar's Will, nor any man's else, but as we had freedom in the Lord:

As I vvas vweak in my bed, the Fryar came to me, and said, *We did deny the Scriptures*: I told him, they did deny them, we did own them, and hold them forth, thou dost know it: He was in a rage because I said, they denied the Scriptures, bid me eat my words again, and threatned death upon me. I said, Christ Jesus was the Light of the World, and had lighted every one that cometh into the World, which Light is our salvation that do receive it, and the same Light is the World's condemnation that do not believe in it. Then he said, *He would lay me in Chains, where I should neither see Sun nor Moon. They say, The Father hath almost killed you,* said he, *but I will kill you quite, before I have done.* He had a Book in his hand, and he did study in it; I told him he did comprehend the Words in his carnal mind; and he vvas vvrath, and said *he would give me to the Devils to be tormented.* I said, I deny the Devil and all his Works and Workers.

Some would come unto the Prison upon their Saints days, and ask us *what day it was?* We did answer, We did not know, neither did we observe dayes nor times, months nor years. Then answer would be made, *It was St. Joseph's day, or some other Saint; and St. Joseph should punish us that night, because we did not observe his day.* We answered, We did know the Saints to be at peace with us, and we did not fear them. We further said, St. Paul did call it beggarly Elements and Radiments of the World, to observe days, times, months and years; and their mouths vwould be stop for a time. Then came the Fryar another time, and told me, *it was seventeen dayes to their Christmas, and said, the Virgin Mary conceived with child that day, being the same day he spake to me on; as if she did go with Child but seventeen dayes.* And he said, *the next day was Lady Ann's day, the Virgin Mary's Mother, a Saint,*

Then as I was crying to the Lord in Prayer because of our long-suffering, & our strong travel & labour, & no fruit (as did appear), the Lord said unto me, *Be not grieved, though Israel be not gathered; the seed of Malta shall be as the stars of the skie for multitude: That which ye have sown, shall not dye, but live: Glory be to the Name of the Lord for ever.*

A Copy of a Writing from their hands, sent in pursuit after the Fryar.

MALACHY;

THou saidst thou wouldst try whether we had the true Spirit ye or nay, and thou hast tried day and night, but thou never triedst the right way; the Seed of God is not tried with deceit, lying, hypocrisie, nor cruelty: But if thou hadst turned in with thy mind to the Light of God in thy Conscience, thou wouldst soon have known us; or had the love of Christ been shed abroad in thy heart, thou might'st have comprehended us; or hadst thou found the Ballance of the Sanctuary of the true Tabernacle, which God hath pitched, and not man, thou might'st have weighed us; or hadst thou laid Judgement to the Line, and Righteousness to the Plummer, thou might'st have fathomed us; or could'st thou have opened the Book of Life, thou might'st have read us; or hadst thou went into the House of Israel, thou might'st have had fellowship with us, &c. Contrary to our wills were we cast in amongst you, and have given our testimony for the Lord, and called you all to repentance, and have forewarned you of the evil the Lord is bringing upon you, but you have slighted the day of your visitation, and have done despite to the Spirit of Grace, and have cast many hard speeches and false aspersions upon the Truth, and the Messengers thereof, and the Lord will visit for these things; and you have blinded your eyes that you will not see, and stopped your ears that you might not hear, and hardened your hearts that you might not understand; least you should see with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and understand with your hearts, and turn to the Lord, and be converted, and he should heal you. Oh that you had known in this your day, what had belonged to your peace; but now it is hid from your eyes. The desire of our souls is, That

every one may repent that can find a place; and whatever you have done to us, we desire it may not be laid to your charge; for we count our selves happy that we were found worthy to suffer for the Name of the Lord,

Written in the Inquisition-Prison
in the Isle of Malta.

Katharine Evans,
Sarah Chevers.

Behold victorious Hymns, Songs, Praises, all in Verse,
the same sprung from the Seed of Life, its perfect
Righteousness.

<p>OH Lord my life is given up, thy truth for to declare; Lord keep me in thy Arms, and guide me in thy fear. Thy Bow is bent, thy Sword is thy enemies to deface, (drawn Thy fire's kindl'd gainst all those that Truth will not embrace. Thine Arrows sharp and keen, upon their heads shall fall, Thy double-edged Sword also, to cut them down withall. So plague the Heathen, & correct the people in thy wrath, (Name That they may fear & dread thy and come to know thy truth, Throughout the World so wide, thy truth thou dost declare, Thy saving health for to enjoy, by thy Light doth appear. Thou dost send forth thy Messen- glad tidings to proclaim, (gers.</p>	<p>To call the hungry forth to feed on thy Lamb being slain. Feasts of fat things thou dost pre- the hungry for to feed, (pare And cloath the nak'd with Gar- ments fair, that want and stand in need. Heaven's glory is appearing, its brightness shineth forth, Over all Nations it is clearing, the Lords Eternal Truth. Every one that's in darkness, and under its shadow lye, May come forth into the bright- out of obscurity. (ness, Oh Lord teach me thy ways, that I may walk therein, And lead me in thy Path of life, and cleanse me from all sin, How gracious is our God, and kind to Israel, With us he doth make his A- his presence doth us fill. (bode,</p>
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So that we are not desolate,
nor yet distressed with woes,
Because the Lord doth take our
part.

and doth confound our foes,
Every one that is oppressed
and cast in danger deep,
If that in God they put their
he will them safely keep. (trust,

Right dear and precious to the
are all his little ones, (Lord Both Lord, and Prince, and King

That suffer for his holy Name,
he will avenge their wrongs,
And in his wrath he will destroy
his enemies so stout,

And suddenly will make a way,
and lead his servants out.
And he himself will them restore
to joy and comfort both,

And will preserve them ever-
more,
because they do him love.

But as for men of corrupt minds
whose ways defiled are,

The Lord will visit with all
kinds

of judgments, and not spare.

He will pursue them with his
Sword,

and cut them to the ground,

That do reject his holy Word,
his Plagues shall them con-
found.

Because that they do not obey
his Mercies and his Grace,

Which he so free to them doth
give

if they would them embrace.

But as their Fathers did,
so they requite the Lord with
wrong,

And persecute thy Messengers,
and make them suffer long
Because that they the Truth de-
as Scripture telleth plain, 'clare
That Christ himself, the Lord's
own Heir,

is come, and he will reign
(Lord Both Lord, and Prince, and King
also,

throughout the World that's
wide,

And Antichrist will overthrow,
and Babel in her pride :

It's not their golden Candle-
sticks,

nor Lamps that be so many,

That can shine through the
Clouds so thick,

to give a Light to any.

To lead to a true resting-place,
where they may still behold

The beauty of God's glorious
face,

more bright than fined Gold.

Thou seest oh Lord, what man
hath done

for to exalt himself

Against the Lord thy blessed
Son,

who is our saving health.

They have changed his glorious
Form

and Image that's so bright, 't
And fashion'd it like sinful man,

corrupted in thy sight,

Arise

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<p>Arise oh Lord, arise in haste, and punish for these things, These men that have sought thy disgrace, that they might reign as Kings Over thine own Inheritance, contrary to thy will, To keep them still in ignorance, without knowledge or skill. But now the God of Power is come, to raise up <i>Sion</i> bright,</p>	<p>And to build up <i>Jerusalem</i> in all the Heathens sight, The Gates of Hell shall not pre- vail, though they be wide & strong, Against the gathering in of all that to the Lord belong. All glory, honor, laud and praise be to the Lord of Might, Who hath made known in these our dayes, his Way, his Truth, his Light,</p>
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Concerning the Croß of Christ, which is not a visible sign, or a piece of Wood, but the invisible and immortal Power of the Lord God, and his Wisdom unto salvation, to and in all them that believe, is the same Christ, the Power of God, and the wisdom of God: But the same Crosse is to the outward Jew, (or Christian) a stumbling-block, and to the wise Greek (that's exalted and puffed up in the knowledge above, and over the meek life) foolishness, as saith the Scripture, 1 Cor, 1, 18, 19.

<p>Christs Cross I do embrace, Which gives me an entrance into Grace; Sin and Death it doth deface, And makes me run a glorious race, A Crown of Life and Grace I do obtain, And sin and death is daily slain, And Christ himself alone to reign Through the Cross I do obtain.</p>	<p>The Cross of Christ is more to me Than all the Treasures I can see: It brings me to my resting-place For to behold God's lovely face, The Cross of Christ is Power in- deed Against the Serpent and his seed. And salvation it doth bring To all that do believe thereon.</p>
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<p> The Cross of Christ is my delight, It doth uphold me day and night; It keeps me from the power of sin, Through Christ who is my Hea- venly King. Without the Cross I cannot be From sin and death at all set free. The Cross alone doth crucifie Transgression, sin, iniquity. It doth break down the middle Wall, And slays the enmity withall: And makes of twain one perfect man, And so renews Christ for me a gain. The Cross of Christ it doth destroy That Nature that doth disobey, In those that do themselves deny, And take it up most willingly, And daily bear it after him, Who is our Lord, and Prince, and King; And not at all to let it down, Till they come to enjoy the Crown. </p>	<p> The Cross of Christ is power and life, It doth destroy all mortal strife; It keepeth from the Power of sin, All those that love to walk therein. All that do own Christ Jesus Cross, Through self-denial they must pass, For to be purged from their sin, And no longer live therein. The Cross of Christ doth o- perate Through every vein and vital part, The heart and reins to cleanse from sin, Of them that's exercis'd therein. They that live in sin and wic- edness, are enemies to Christ Jesus Cross; For all sin and uncleanness doth pierce the life of Christ Jesus. </p>
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*Perfect Love, and breathings of undefiled
Life, to the Seed of God, greeting.*

T He streams of beauty, pure and bright,	My Love, It cometh from a harmles Dove,
That springeth up both day and night.	Within vvhose breasts doth still remain
MY love to truth doth me con- strain	God's perfect praises to main- tain,
In Prison ever to remain;	I have not time nor place to shovv
If it be so that even I Cannot in truth be set at liberty.	The love vvhich from my soul doth flow,
My deare Redeemer's face so bright,	The blessing of the Almighty be upon thee,
Doth shine upon me day & night:	And upon the vvhole Israel of God, Amen.
His count'nance doth exceed all Captivity and bondage, thrall,	
Amen, K. E.	

THese Writings following are Copies of divers Letters which they had written to their Friends and near Relations in the time of my visitation of them: But it came so to pass, that as they were handing the same through the Grace of the Prison, by the hand of another man to be communicated to my hand, being then present in the Room also, that the said Letters were intercepted, and in the first place communicated to the Pope's Lord Inquisitor, and he forthvvith sent for the Consul, and charged him to get the same truly copied forth. Then the Consul vvas vvrath vvith me that he should be exercised vvith so much trouble: But in the Light and Counsel of my God / seeing and knowing that there vvas nothing in them but vvhath came from a good ground of innocency and truth, and pure natural affection, I was moved in bowels of tender love, lest the said Letters should be finally miscarried, or shut up in obscurity, therefore I pro-

proponed to the Consul, If that were such a trouble to him, if he would let me have the Letters, I should copy them out truly. And after some time he consented, and gave them into my hand, and laid it upon my Conscience to perform as I had said, which I did with gladness of heart, not in submission to his Will, but in obedience to the God of Love and Peace which guided me in the same; and so after I had finished them, I gave the fair Copies into the Consul's hands for his Lord Inquisitor.

And so in the wisdom of the Lord, which is wiser than the Serpents, I obtained the very desire of my heart for his Truth and Peoples sake, and retained the Original Copies, and in the endless Love and Power of the Lord Almighty, which was, and is with me, and accompanied me (blessed and magnified be the Power of his excellent Majesty and Glory, Amen) over the heads of the lofty Mountains, and barren Hills, I brought the Treasures of a blessed and good ground away with this body in which I am; so that they were not onely in my hands, but also the precious substance and virtue of the same that accompanied them, even in my heart, within my bosom; and the Words of Wisdoms Life did I wear as a Chain of precious Stones and Diamonds about my neck, and as Bracelets and Ornaments of a comely and delicate chaste Bride, about my hands and loins; and behold the Almighty Lord and King of Eternal Life, that had so mightily preserved me in the shadow of his hand of Almightiness, which stoppeth the mouths of devouring Lyons, and chained and limited the ravening and devouring wild Beasts of the Forrest, even he the King of blessedness and endless glory, filled my heart with his spouset and unexpressible Love: And as I lay upon the deck of the Vessel in which I was a passenger, and a stranger among men of many and divers Nations, in the morning of the day I felt and beheld the exceeding glory of the Lord under the secret shadow of his Almightiness, in a Vision of God; and in the same I beheld the Bride; the Lamb's Wife, prepared for the Bridegroom's coming; and why should not I declare somewhat of the felicity that mine eye in the Eternal Life of Blessedness saw, albeit the rest is unutterable which I felt; and know how to be silent in the Father's presence, where every Babe knoweth my voice, which is to give a sound in their ears to whom I write; and not to spread

Pearls before Swine, that will defile and trample on them; That mine eye, mine eye hath seen, and perfectly beheld the Free-born from above, coming out of the Wilderness, covered with goodly and comely Raiment, white and clean, as the light of the Sun, or as a Stone most precious, clear as Chrystal; and mine eye beheld a Crown which was embraced in the Arms of the Bridegroom, and the Crown was well adorned with many Stars which did excel each other in glory, and mine eye beheld the Son as a Bridegroom rejoicing over the Virgin-Bride of his Espousal, so that I was even sick with pure and undefiled love. Mine eye, mine eye did so affect my heart, so that I awaked in the same, in the morning of a clear day, and I looked, and behold the Sun was arisen above the *Horizon* of the Earth and Waters, and my Life abundantly blessed and magnified the living Lord, my King and my God, the Rock of my strength, and saving-health of his Anointed; and behold I had seen a Vision of God in the morning-Light, and the sweet *salvation* of the same was given me to treasure up within my very heart, till an appointed time and season; the children of the Morning-light may right-well read the same as they sit together in their several places that's over and above the earth, and be comforted and refreshed at the joyful sound of the same voice that brings the glad tydings of the good things; yea and my Spirit with you the blessed of the Lord, shall bless his Name who is the mighty God in the midst of us: Even so *Amen*, *Ha-le-lu-jah*.

Praise ye the Lord, Salvation to	Among his Saints & Messengers,
his Name,	His fame my heart shall sound;
Ye Saints in Life,	Because their life
Free from all strife,	is free from strife;
Your voice sound forth the same	In love that doth abound,

My Life shall sing	My prayers in the life that's
To <i>Sion's</i> King,	clean,
His Love in peace and glory,	shall from the same ascend,
Who hath so free	Unto the God of Love and
Begotten me	peace,
Into his Life that's holy,	that he may you defend,

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To perfect love and unity,
that it may more abound;
for so your fame
in his pure Name
Doth give a certain sound.

Unto the Nations round about,
your fame aloud shall sing,
to call them all
both great and small,
To bow to *Sion's* King.

Your Gates alwayes
(Of perfect praise)
Full wide shall open stand,
that all may come
i'th free-born Son
(Th' *Light*) to dwell in your Land

Of rest and peace
in righteousness,
i'th living way that's holy;
so you shall sing,
and fruit shall spring
Within the City holy.

The Vine that's true,
shall compass you
That sit under his shade,

with great delight
in his clear sight,
None shall make you afraid.

Within the perfect love here is
no fear,
So in the Father's sight you are
right dear.

My bowels and my soul, my ve-
ry heart
To you ye living Saints extends;
much could I write
in the true light,
But ye can read my Friends,

Without a Book of words
Which finally may end;
My mind that's clean,
Come read the same,
Behold I am your friend.

In *Jacob's* Land
Where he did stand,
i'th place that's blest,
Where he did rest,
Who like a Prince prevail'd
with the true Lord of Might,
Who also blessed him
even in the morning-Light,

Selah.

And seeing that it happened so, that the Copies of the Letters
of the Lords Prisoners, were left in the hands of their Enemies,
in a strange Land, it is seen meet to insert them among the rest of
their Writings, for the good of many of their own Nation of
England, who may right well savour the tender love and virtue of
true and pure natural affection, not onely to their kindred and
Fathers House, but also to their own Countrey; all of which they
were truly called to forsake, as was good old *Abraham* our Father,

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who in obedience to the good Word and Commandment of the Almighty God, went forth, not knowing whither he went, even as these poor, and many more, who are deemed by the wise of this world, foolish things, not well considering how that the Lord hath chosen the poor of this world, and made them rich in faith, and also chuseth base things, and weak things, and foolish things, to confound the things that are mighty, and to bring to nought things that are, to the end that no flesh should glory in his presence, who with his mighty hand and outstretched arm of Dignity and excellent Power, is defacing and staining the pride of all glory, and bringing into contempt all the honorable of the Earth that's out of order, and bringing down the haughtiness and loftiness of man, who shall know that it is the everlasting and terrible God of Eternity, when he ariseth to shake terribly the Earth, that presseth down and oppresseth the Seed of his Bowels, and trampleth on the principal Wheat that came out of the good Husband-mans right hand, for which the God of Heaven is visiting the Nations as in the ancient days: Albeit he hath long time held his peace in the habitation of his Holiness, where his Honor dwelleth; but behold, behold, he is arising in the greatness of his strength, even as a Lyon over his prey, or as a Lyoness bereaved of her young; for out of *Sion* hath he uttered his voice, and thundered forth the Majesty of his powerful Word of Salvation, through the Gate of his beloved City *Jerusalem* from on high, free-born; which hath echoed into the ears & hearts of the Hypocrites, & surprized the double-minded with fear on every hand; for he hath cried, and yet will, in the spirit of his Prophesie through his Sons and Daughters, in whom he which is holy dwelleth, to make waste Mountains and Hills, and to devour at once as in the ancient dayes, and my spirit saith, Even so the Lord hasten it (*Amen*) for his Elects sake.

Katharine Evans to her Husband and Children.

For the hand of **JOHN EVANS**, my right dear and precious Husband, with my tender-hearted Children, who are more dear and precious unto me, than the apple of mine eye.

Most dear and faithful Husband, Friend and Brother, begotten of my Eternal Father, of the immortal Seed of the Covenant of Light, Life and Blessedness, I have unity and fellowship with thee day and night, to my great refreshment and continual comfort, praises, praises be given to our God for evermore, who hath joined us together in that which neither Sea nor Land can separate or divide.

My dear heart, my soul doth dearly salute thee, with my dear and precious Children, which are dear and precious in the Sight of the Lord, to thy endless joy, and my everlasting comfort; glory be to our Lord God eternally, who hath called you with a holy Calling, and hath caused his Beauty to shine upon you in this the day of his Power, wherein he is making up of his jewels, and binding up of his faithful ones in the Bond of everlasting Love and Salvation, among whom he hath numbered you of his own free Grace; in which I beseech you (dear hearts) in the fear of the Lord to abide in your measures, according to the manifestation of the Revelation of the Son of God in you; keep a diligent watch over every thought, word and action, and let your minds be staid continually in the Light, where you will find out the snares and baits of Satan, and be preserved out of his Traps, Nets and Pits, that you may not be captivated by him at his will. Oh my dear Husband and Children, how often have I poured out my soul to our everlasting Father for you, with Rivers of tears, night and day, that you might be kept pure and single in the sight of our God, improving your Talents as wise Virgins, having Oil in your Vessels, and your Lamps burning, and clothed with the long white Robes of Righteousness, ready to enter the Bed-Chamber, and to sup with the

Lamb

Lamb, and to feed at the Feast of fat things, where your souls may be nourished, refreshed, comforted, and satisfied, never to hunger again.

My dear hearts, you do not want teaching, you are in a Land of Blessedness, which floweth with Milk and Honey, among the faithful Stewards, whose mouths are opened wide in righteousness, to declare the Eternal Mysteries of the everlasting Kingdom, of the endless joys and eternal glory, whereinto all the willing and obedient shall enter, and be blessed for ever.

My dear hearts, the promises of the Lord are large, and are all Yea and Amen to those that fear his Name; he will comfort the Mourner in Sion, and will cause the heavy-hearted in Jerusalem to rejoice, because of the glad tidings; they that do bear the Cross with patience; shall wear the Crown with joy; for it is through the long-suffering and patient waitings, the Crown of Life and Immortality comes to be obtained; the Lord hath exercised my patience, and tried me to the uttermost, to his praise and my eternal comfort, who hath not been wanting to me in anything in his own due time; We are Witnesses he can provide a Table in the Wilderness both spiritual and temporal. Oh the endless love of our God, who is an everlasting Fountain of all living refreshment; whose Chrystal streams never cease running to every thirsty soul, that breatheth after the springs of Life and Salvation.

In our deepest affliction, when I looked for every breath to be the last, I could not wish I had not come over Seas, because I knew it was my Eternal Father's Will to prove me, with my dear and faithful Friend; in all afflictions and miseries, the Lord remembered mercy, and did not leave nor forsake us, nor suffer his faithfulnes to fail us, but caused the sweet drops of his mercy to distil upon us, and the brightness of his glorious countenance to shine into our hearts, and was never wanting to us in Revelations nor Visions. Oh how may I do to set forth the fulness of God's Love to our souls! No tongue can express it, no heart can conceive it, nor mind can comprehend it. Oh the ravishments, the raptures, the glorious bright-shining countenance of our Lord God, who is our fulness in emptiness, our strength in weakness, our health in sickness, our life in death, our joy in sorrow, our peace in disquietness, our praise in heaviness, our power in all needs or necessities; He alone is a full God unto us, and to all that can trust him; he hath emptied us of our selves; and hath unbottomed us of our selves, and hath wholly built us upon the sure Founda-

tion, the Rock of Ages, Christ Jesus the Light of the world, where the swelling Seas, nor raging, foaming Waves, nor stormy winds, though they beat vehemently, cannot be able to remove us; Glory, honor and praises is to our God for ever, who out of his everlasting Treasures doth fill us with his Eternal Riches day by day; he did nourish our souls with the choicest of his mercies, and doth feed our bodies with his good Creatures, and relieve all our necessities in a full measure, praises, praises be to him alone, who is our everlasting portion, our confidence, and our rejoicing, whom we serve acceptably with reverence and God-like fear; for our God is a consuming fire.

Oh my dear Husband and precious Children; you may feel the issues of Love and Life which stream forth as a River to every soul of you, from a heart that is wholly joined to the Fountain; my prayers are for you day and night without ceasing, beseeching the Lord God of Power to pour down his tender mercies upon you, and to keep you in his pure fear, and to encrease your faith, to confirm you in all righteously, and strengthen you in believing in the Name of the Lord God Almighty, that you may be established as Mount Sion, that can never be moved. Keep your souls unspotted of the world, and love one another with a pure heart, fervently serve one another in love; build up one another in the Eternal, and bear one anothers burdens for the Seeds sake, and so fulfil the Law of God. This is the Word of the Lord unto you, my dearly beloved.

Dear hearts, I do commit you into the hands of the Almighty, who dwelleth on high, and to the Word of his Grace in you, who is able to build you up to everlasting life, and eternal salvation. By me who am thy dear and precious Wife, and Sponse, in the Marriage of the Lamb, in the bed undefiled,

K. E.

My dearly beloved Yoke-mate in the Work of our God, doth dearly salute you; Salute us dearly to our precious Friends in all places. I do believe we shall see your faces again with joy. Dearly salute us to T.H. R.S. and his sister, S.B. and his daughter, N.M. and his dear Wife, with all the rest of our dear Friends in Bristol. T.C. and his dear Wife and Daughter, and all Friends in Bristol or else-where. J.G. and his precious Wife, Children and Servants, with all Friends. Our dear love to E.H. with her Husband and Children at Alderberry.

The original of this was written in the Inquisition in Mal-
ta, in the 11th Month of the year 1661.

Sarah

Sarah Chevers to her Husband and Children.

M^R Dear Husband, my love, my life is given up to serve the living God, and to obey his pure Call in the measure of the manifestation of his Love, Light, Life and Spirit of Christ Jesus, his only begotten Son, whom he hath manifested in me and thousands, by the brightness of his appearing, to put an end to sin and Satan, and bring to light Immortality through the preaching of the everlasting Gospel by the Spirit of Prophecie, which is poured out upon the sons and daughters of the living God, according to his purpose, whereof he hath chosen me, who am the least of all; but God who is rich in mercy, for his own Name sake hath passed by mine offences, and hath counted me worthy to bear testimony to his holy Name before the mighty men of the Earth. Oh the love of the Lord to my soul! my tongue cannot express, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive of the things that God hath laid up for them that fear him.

Therefore doth my soul breath to my God for thee and my Children, night and day, that your minds may be joined to the Light of the Lord Jesus, to lead you out of Satans Kingdom, into the Kingdom of God, where we may enjoy one another in the Life Eternal, where neither Sea nor Land can separate; in which Light and Life do I salute thee my dear Husband, with my Children, wishing you to embrace Gods love in making his Truth so clearly manifest amongst you, whereof I am a Witness even of the everlasting Fountain that hath been opened by the Messengers of Christ, who preach to you the Word of God in season, and out of season, directing you where you may find your Saviour to purge and cleanse you from your sins, and to reconcile you to his Father, and to have unity with him and all the Saints, in the Light, that ye may be fellow-Citizens in the Kingdom of Glory, Rest and Peace, which Christ hath purchased for them that love him, and obey him: What profit is there for to gain the whole world, and lose your own souls? Seek first the King-

Lam of God, and the Righteousness thereof, and all other things shall be
 added to you; Godliness is great gain, having the promise of this life
 that now is, and that which is to come; which is fulfilled to me, who have
 tasted of the Lords endlesse love and mercies to my soul, & from a moving
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 my Children; my dear love salutes you all; my Prayers to my God are for
 you all, that your minds may be joined to the Light wherewith you are
 lightened, that I may enjoy you in that which is Eternal, and have com-
 munity with you in the Spirit: He that is joined to the Lord, is one
 spirit, one heart, one mind, one soul, to serve the Lord with one consent.
 I cannot by Pen or Paper set forth the large love of God in fulfilling his
 gracious promises to me in the Wilderness, being put into prison for Gods
 Truth, there to remain all days of my life, being searched, tryed, exa-
 mined upon pain of death among the Enemies of God and his Truth;
 standing in jeopardy for my life, until the Lord had subdued and brought
 them under by his mighty Power, and made them to feed us, and would
 have given us money or clothes; but the Lord did deck our Table richly in
 the Wilderness, the day of the Lord is appearing, wherein he will dis-
 cover every deed of darkness, let it be done never so secret; the light of
 Christ Jesus will make it manifest in every Conscience; the Lord will
 rip up all coverings that is not of his own Spirit. The God of Peace be
 with you all. Amen.

Written in the Inquisition-Prison by the hand
 of Sarah Chevers, for the hand of Henry Che-
 vers my dear Husband; give this, fail not.

I do not well remember that this was one of
 the surprized Letters.

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A Letter to a Kinswoman of S.C.

S. P.

M^r dear Kinswoman, I dearly salute thee, with thy Husband, and thy tender Babes: I am not unmindful of thee, nor of thy love that thou shewdest to me; I know thou shalt not lose thy reward; thou hast found refreshment in it; for it was of the Lord; My Burthen was weighty for the Lord; I would have fled the Cross; but praises be to the Lord that kept me to it, that I might not lose the Crown. I was straitned in it, till I gave up to it; praised be the Name of our God for ever Amen. Stand fast in the Lord; let none take thy Crown. The God of Power preserve and keep thee low and single in his fear, pressing forward to the prize of an incorruptible Crown of Glory, Peace and Rest, out of all strife. Keep to the pure life, watch the Enemy; keep thy mind staid in the measure of God's Grace, that is able to make thee wise unto salvation, and to give thee an inheritance with the rest of the Children of Light. My tender lamb, fear and dread the living God; keep in his presence, go not out to let in the Enemy, to break thy peace, and to darken thy understanding, and to vail over the pure, from beholding thy Saviour: Incline thine ear to him, give up to a daily Cross to thy own will; Stand single, empty; wait upon the Lord to be fill'd with his fulness; let him be all thy treasure, ask of him, he giveth liberally. Believe, and thou shalt receive; his promise is large, I have found it so: Having nothing, yet enjoying all things, I have tasted, handled and felt of his everlasting love, and indurable Riches; my life is wrapt up in it; I have found him whom my soul loveth; Oh what might I do to set him forth! He is the choicest of ten thousands; therefore doth my soul love him:

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Aunt

Another in the same Paper to Friends.

MY dearly beloved Sisters and Friends of Truth, I dearly salute you in the Light, Life and Love of our God, which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, wherein I do rejoice, and have union with you. My Life is given up to serve the Lord. O how my soul travels for the Seed of God's Kingdom to be sown throughout all Nations, for the gathering in of Christ's scattered Flock, and for the destruction of sin and Satan. For our God is weighing the Mountains in Scales, and the Dust in equal Ballance: He is pulling down the mighty, and raising the meek, humble, lowly; he is feeding the poor and hungry with good things, but the rich he sends empty away. My dear Babes and Lambs, feed of the sincere Milk of the Word of Life, that you may grow up in it, and wax strong in spirit to praise the Lord, and to glorifie him who is worthy. Be strong in the Lord, and in the Power of his Might; seek him earnestly, call upon him continually; let your whole Meditations be laid in him alway. Seek him earnestly, deny your own thoughts and words; give heed to the Light, bring all your deeds to it; give up all that is contrary, to be slain; stand single, empty, naked before the Lord, that you may be fill'd with the streams of his everlasting Love. Oh my dear hearts! our God is full of love; stand not back, press forward, let nothing hinder you, the Lord calls for you, *My Son, give me thy heart*: The promise of our God is as large to you as to any, if you can believe; your straitness is in your selves; For God is a full Fountain; abundance of love runs forth to them that can trust him, I can witness it; in the barren Wilderness he caused streams of living water to break forth: I cannot express it is so large; therefore doth my soul thirst after you, my dear ones; the love of God is to you. My dear Sisters, I have you in my remembrance, and do pray to my God and your God, that you may be enlarged in your measures to praise the Lord, and to be kept in a sensible feeling of his power daily, and that you may

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Annex

Another in the same Paper to Friends.

MY dearly beloved Sisters and Friends of Truth, I dearly salute you in the Light, Life and Love of our God, which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, wherein I do rejoice, and have union with you. My Life is given up to serve the Lord. O how my soul travels for the Seed of God's Kingdom to be sown throughout all Nations, for the gathering in of Christ's scattered Flock, and for the destruction of sin and Satan. For our God is weighing the Mountains in Scales, and the Dust in equal Ballance: He is pulling down the mighty, and raising the meek, humble, lowly: he is a feeding the poor and hungry with good things, but the rich he sends empty away. My dear Babes and Lambs, feed of the sincere Milk of the Word of Life, that you may grow up in it, and wax strong in spirit to praise the Lord, and to glorify him who is worthy. Be strong in the Lord, and in the Power of his Might; seek him earnestly, call upon him continually; let your whole Meditations be fixed in him alway. Seek him earnestly, deny your own thoughts and words; give heed to the Light, bring all your deeds to it; give up all that is contrary, to be slain; stand single, empty, naked before the Lord, that you may be fill'd with the streams of his everlasting Love. Oh my dear hearts? our God is full of love; stand not back, press forward, let nothing hinder you; the Lord calls for you, *My Son, give me thy heart*: The promise of our God is as large to you as to any, if you can believe; your straitness is in your selves; For God is a full Fountain; abundance of love runs forth to them that can trust him, I can witness it; in the barren Wilderness he caused streams of living water to break forth: I cannot express it is so large; therefore doth my soul thirst after you, my dear ones; the love of God is to you. My dear Sisters, I have you in my remembrance, and do pray to my God and your God, that you may be enlarged in your measures to praise the Lord, and to be kept in a sensible feeling of his power daily, and that you may

encrease in Wisdom, Strength and Power over Gods Enemies: The Blessing of the Lord God Almighty be with you, and preserve you by his Mighty Power, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

Salute me to my Sister S. R. there is a tender Plant in her; I do feel it to my comfort, praises be to the Lord, I am in health I praise the Lord, and do want nothing, the Lord is my portion, I cannot want; he hath deck't my Table richly, he hath annointed my head with Balm, it runneth down the skirts of my cloathing.

Written in the Inquisition-Prison at the Isle of *Malta*, a sufferer for the Seeds sake. Farewell at this time, *Amen*.

Your dear Sister in the Lord,

SARAH CHEVERS.

Another from K. E. to her Husband and Children, with somewhat from both the Lords Prisoners, to Friends, the which was taken with the rest of the Letters, in the Inquisition, and copied out for their Lord Inquisitor.

DEAR Husband, with my dear Children. I beseech you together, to wait in the patience, having your minds always staid upon the Lord: Keep out of incumbrances, for that is the Enemies opportunity to step in, when the mind is gone forth, and so vail the pure, and darken the understanding, and so hinder you of the pure enjoyment of the beholding the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Take no more upon you then you are able to perform in the Spirit of moderation and meekness, for that is in the sight of God of great prize: See the Lord going before you in all your occasions, that you may be prosperous in all your undertakings; wait diligently upon the Lord, to be seasoned with his Grace, that you may come to a pure understanding of the mori-

sons of his Eternal Spirit, and to a true knowledge of the operation of his hands; So you will be able with all Saints, to comprehend what is the heighth, and the depth, and the length, and the breadth of the riches of his Grace and Love towards mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; *Amen*, saith my spirit: This is the counsel of the Lord unto you;

I do often remember *M.H.* I do desire she may be brought up in the fear of God, and want for nothing that is convenient for her; salute me to her dearly. I have been very sensible, dear Husband, of thine, and our Children, and many dear friends more, of your sorrowful souls, mourning hearts, grieved spirits, troubled minds for us, as being Members of one body, Christ Jesus being our Head, we must needs suffer together, that we may reioyce together; a true sorrow begets a true joy, a true Cross a true Crown. We do believe it is our heavenly Fathers will and purpose to bring us back as safe to *England*, as ever he brought us thence, for his own glory, though we are some of the least of Christ's Flock, yet we do belong to the true Fold, and our Shepherd hath had as great a care of us, as he could have for any of his Lambs, and hath brought us through great affliction, praises be given to his glorious Name, of us, and you, and all that know him, for ever. Though we are absent in body in the Will of God, from you, yet we are present in spirit in the Will of God, with you, and do receive the benefit of all your prayers daily, and do feel the Springs of Life that do stream from all the faithful hearted, to our great refreshment and strengthening.

After our money was gone, the Lord Inquisitor, with the rest in Authority, put a great allowance in one of their servants hands for our maintenance, because we could take no money our selves; the Lord of Heaven did forbid us to meddle with any; and he did send to know whether we did want any clothes, he would send it to the Prison to us: This was the large love of our God to us, and we were made contented with that we had, till the Lord God (who is rich in mercy, and full of all Grace, and is never unmindful of any which trust in his Name) of his everlasting love did send his faithful Messenger, whose feet are beautiful, and face is comely, clothed with a bright shining Garment from the Crown of the head, to the sole of the foot, and came in great power and strength.

strength indeed, armed with the whole Armour of Light, and drest in the Majesty of the Most High, and being commissioned of the Higher Power, went to the Lord Inquisitor to demand our lawful liberty, which would not be granted, except we could get some English Merchants of Legorn or Messina to engage four thousands Dollers that we should never come into those parts again; the Lord (who alone is our Life and Redeemer) moved our dear Brother to offer his own body to redeem ours, but it would not be received; then he offered to lay down his own dear and precious life for our liberty: Greater love can no man have, than to lay down his life for his Friend; the Lord will restore it into his bosom double; his service can never be blotted out; his Name is called Daniel Baker; his outward being is near London, a right dear and precious heart he is: The blessing, strength, and power of the Almighty be upon him and his, and overshadow them for ever, Amen. Greater comfort could never be administered to us in our conditions; Glory, honor and praise to our God for evermore, Amen.

This is a dear and sweet Salutation in that which never changeth, fadeth away, nor waxeth old, from us whom the Lord hath counted worthy to bear his Name, and to suffer for his sake, to all our Christian Friends, Fathers and Elders, Pillars of Gods spiritual House, Brethren and Sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh my dear Husband, with our dear and precious Children, Lambs of God, and Babes of Christ, begotten of the Immortal Seed of Light, Life and Truth, with us, and all the whole Family of everlasting blessedness,

Pray for us believingly; all things are possible with our God. So my Dearlings, in the arms of everlasting love do I take my leave of you; the blessing and peace of the Most High be upon you ever, Amen, Amen.

Oh my dear Husband! praise the Lord that ever thou hadst a Wife that was found worthy to suffer for the Name of the Lord. Inasmuch as I can understand the moving of the Spirit of God: My dear and faithful Yoke-fellow, Sister and Friend, is worthy

to be embraced of all friends for ever; the deeper the sorrow, the greater the joy; the heavier the Cross, the weightier the Crown. This was written in the Inquisition at *Malta*, of us

Malta the 11th Month
of the year 1661.

Maharim Evans,
Sarah Chivers,

From K. E. for two Friends:

Dearly beloved Brother in the everlasting Covenant of Light and Life, do I dearly salute and embrace thee, with thy dear Wife, my beloved Sister, and thy dear Children, whom I dearly love in that which never changeth: My dear and faithful Friends, I am often refreshed in you, when the Light brings you to my remembrance; then do I feel the Springs of Love and Life, which riseth from the pure Fountain of Eternal refreshments, to my joy and comfort, wherein I am made to praise and glorify my God and your God, who hath redeemed us out of the Chains of darkness, and Kingdom of blindness, into the everlasting brightness, glory, joy, and perfect blessedness for ever, to dwell in the enjoyment of his living presence, as we abide faithful, to Eternity; in his presence is fulness of joy, and at his right hand is pleasure for evermore.

My prayers are night and day without ceasing, to our Heavenly Father, that not one of his begetting may ever turn or slide back, but that every one may press forward towards the Mark of the price of the high calling in Christ Jesus, who is our Life and glory, and so all may come to wear the Crown of Life and Immortality, triumphing in the everlasting Blessedness of the Heavenly Riches and Eternal joy and happiness that's perfect for ever, *Amen*.

Oh! my dear Brother and Sister, we are all children of our Father, begotten in the everlasting Seed of the Promise of Eternal life and salvation. Oh my precious Friends wait patiently with me
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always in the pure fear of the perfect and pure God; who hath an Eternal Treasure, full of everlasting Riches, and ready to distribute them to all his dutiful Children: Glory and Praises be given to his blessed Name for ever. Oh my beloved ones! your love to me is written in the Records that cannot be lost. Dear hearts, glorify our God in my behalf, that ever he counted me worthy to suffer for his Name; I hope to see your faces again yet once more with joy and gladness, with my dear yoke-fellow in the Lord's Work, before we go hence, and be no more seen. So in the tender bowels of pure Love, do I take my leave of you at this time. The everlasting peace and blessedness be upon you, and upon the whole Israel of God, Amen.

Dear! salute us to all Friends,

This was written in the Inquisition
at Malta, in the 11th Month
of the year 1661.

(Katharine Evans.)

There was another Letter (and Paper) which was intercepted; but I have it not here with me, it being sent home from Legorn. Yet here followeth more of their Writings to Friends, and to my own particular, which at several times I received from them, unknown to the Oppressors.

A Copy of a Letter that I was moved to write the next day after I came to the Island and City, and communicated to their hands.

Dear Lambs, peace be unto you, Amen.
Now seeing that the everlasting God and Father of all
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truth, hath in his tender love, and Fatherly mercy, and bowels of compassion (through the trials of manifold sufferings and temptations) hitherto, even to this day, upheld and preserved you in the innocency, and its testimony against the contrary; although sometimes (I know that) you have tasted the sentence of death in your selves, and even (as it were) ready to despair of life; yet in the living testimony of innocency, in the answer of a good Conscience, I *Daniel* bear you record, (in the Covenant of Life) the same remaineth with you, and you are in it a good sweet favour to the Lord, and his Eternal Truth and People. Oh! blessed for ever be his Name, yea and my very heart and life blesteth and magnifieth the Lord on your behalf.

Wherefore my dear Friends, be faithful, full of Faith, and the living, invisible God of Peace is with you, and will not forsake you, seeing it is so, and much more you know which might be declared.

Oh! I am moved in the Bowels of my Father's love, as one with you (in trials, and in the exercise of manifold temptations) to stir up your pure and innocent minds by way of remembrance, and also to beseech you to take heed to the Testimony of Life that's undefiled, and manifest in you, and to dwell in the same which retains the joy and comfort of the Lord, and his peace, which you know is not of the World; and so to watch and beware of the Enemy that is near to tempt to make shipwrack of Faith and a good Conscience, and to despair, and so to betray not only your own innocent long-sufferings, but also the Testimony of the Lord God of our Life, for which you have so long suffered, and by the pure Divine virtue of the same have you been to this day preserved; so that the Lord (who is and will be your reward) hath not been wanting to you on his part. Oh saint not, but lift up your heads, and be faithful still as I am not otherwise persuaded concerning you, and I am well persuaded, that in his own Covenant and Way deliverance will come to the Seed; and ye know, if the same come not in his own Covenant of Truth, in the Light of his Countenance, it cannot be well; but your nay (you know) is to be nay, and so to stand in the Truth, against the contrary, whatsoever our God permits unreasonable men to inflict upon the outward or visible body; and the same also will

work for his glory, and also for the good and eternal peace of his innocent suffering Lambs notwithstanding.

Your tender Brother

D. B.

ANd when this, with other Papers I had through not a little difficulty communicated to their hands over the heads of our Enemies, I was moved to speak my Message as from the Lord of Life to them after I had offered up my body, and to lay down my life for these poor innocents, my dear friends; and so with my voice I saluted them in the Lord's Truth, as they stood at the prison-Grates with these words in the behalf of the general Assembly of the Saints in light, to wit, *The whole Body of God's Elect, right dearly, owneth your Testimony, and you are a sweet savour unto the Lord and his people*: And forasmuch as one of these poor afflicted Lambs replied, and said on this wise, as if it was a trouble to them that they could not be more serviceable. Then my heart being melted, and my bowels of pity, mercy and compassion, being moved, I said, That it was a wonderful mercy of the Lord, in as much as they were preserved in their own measure of Truth and pure innocency, for which my heart praised the Lord for what mine eye saw, which right dearly affected my heart, and we were well refreshed at that season, in the sweet presence of our living God, albeit our bodies were at a distance, but so as we could behold each others face through the Prison bars of Iron, in the Inquisition.

Now for so much as in the Wisdom of God it is seen meet that the fore-mentioned and following Writings which came from their hands, might appear to publike view, that thereby every Member of the one Body may have a right understanding, and not onely so, but also a sensible feeling not onely of the trials and sufferings in part of these Innocent Lambs, but also of the consolations of each others, as fellow Members of the infinite Body of which

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which Christ Jesus the Lord is both King and Head, in whom be-
 endless dominion and pure glory, and eternal salvation, *Amen.*

And so I being as it were constrained to publish the acceptable
 Words that sound and savor of pure innocence and clear truth,
 for the Elect's sake, in the same Love and Life I am the more free
 hereunto, even as a Child, that differs but little from a servant, as
 I am in the Father's Love, Power and Grace of Life, fitted to
 serve the undefiled Life of the least in the Kingdom of Blessed-
 ness, and to administer comfort or what else I have received from
 the Eternal Fountain or Fulness, for the use or service of either
 Body, Mind, Soul or Spirit, of my own Flesh or Family, seeing
 no man ever hazed his own Flesh, and he is worse than an Infidel
 that provideth not for his own Family, especially them of his own
 House.

*This is a sweet Salutation to God's Elect
 Church in England and Ireland.*

Right dear, precious and Heavenly ones, whose Beauty shi-
 neth bright, and at whose Name the hearts of the Heathen
 do tremble: We who through the everlasting Mercies of our
 God, are Members of the same Body, and are held in strait Cap-
 tivity, and hard Bondage, for witnessing forth the same Testimo-
 ny and Covenant of pure Light, Life and Truth of our God,
 with you dear and faithful ones indeed, We here in the same Co-
 venant of pure Love, and Bowels of tenderness, do dearly salute
 and embrace you all, glorifying and praising our Eternal Father
 for you all, who hath counted us worthy to partake of the fel-
 lowship and sufferings for the Bodies sake, with you in tribulati-
 ons, fiery trials, manifold temptations, fastings, watchings,
 heats and colds, and cruel threatening and persecutions, perils by
 Sea, and perils by Land, standing in jeopardy of our lives year
 after year, and looking every hour, day and night, for many

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Weeks together, when we should be brought out to Execution; but though Proclamation was made, and they came up to the very Gate with a Drum and Musquets, to fetch us out to destroy us, yet the Lord God of everlasting strength, who in the deepest of all dangers, and greatest extremity, when all hopes were past, did but blow upon them with the breath of his nostrils, and they did flye as dust before the Wind; for which we do entreat all Friends to glorifie our God on our behalfs; for never did the Lord our God work greater deliverance for any, than he hath done for us from time to time, who are the least and weakest for what we know, that ever the Lord our God sent forth in so great & weighty a Work; but all things are possible with him, who made and created all things; it is he alone which carrieth on his own work by his own mighty Power, and the glory shal be his own for ever more, Amen.

Oh our dearly beloved Friends, did you know but the third part of the afflictions the Lord our God hath carried us through, you would say, The Lord hath wrought as great a Miracle in our preservation, as ever he did in raising *Lazarus* out of the Grave: And in the greatest of our afflictions we could not say in our hearts, Father, would thou hadst not brought us here, but cryed mightily to our God for power to carry us through whatsoever should be inflicted upon us, that the Truth of our God might not suffer through our weakness: And the Lord did hear us, and answered us in righteousness, and carried us on with all boldness, and made our fore-heads as Flint, and our Brows as Brass, in the Faces of our Enemies; that whensoever we were brought forth upon trial, all fear was taken away, that we stood as Iron-Gates, and Cattle-Walls in the faces of our Enemies, so that they said, *we would fain be burned*; but we answered, No, we would not willingly be burned; but if our Heavenly Father doth call us to suffer in that kind for his Name sake, he will give us power to go through it; and we have great cause to believe it; for our Lord God never called us to do any service for him; but he gave us power, and made way for his own Work; glory and praise be to his holy Name for ever.

Dearly beloved friends, marvel not why *Israel* is not gathered in all this time; it is not for want of labour, nor travel, nor grief,

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nor pain, fasting, nor mourning, nor weeping, nor love to their souls; but it is because of the great oppression: For here are a willing people, but they dare not until the Lord make way for them. Truly Friends, we have not been idle since we saw your faces, nor have we had much ease to the flesh; but do grieve night and day for *Sion's* prosperity and perfect joy, and for the reparation of *Jerusalem*, and her pure praise; though our sorrows are deep, and our afflictions grievous, yet we do wait with patience to reap the peaceable fruits of righteousness, and enjoy the benefit of our uprightness; Praises be to our God for ever, he hath kept us by his power and holiness, that our Enemies have not one jot or tittle against us, but for the Truth of our God, and that we could not join with them; so they would not suffer us to have one line of refreshment, but stript us out of all, so that we could not expect one drop of mercy, favour nor affection; but what our Heavenly Father did distil upon us from his living presence, and work for us by the operation of his own Arm of strength and power. But dear Friends, though a long Winter, and many sharp and terrible storms have past over our heads; so that we cannot express our sorrows; so likewise we cannot declare our joys. Oh! in the midst of all our afflictions, our God did draw nigh unto us, and did speak comfortably unto us with many sweet and precious promises, and did never suffer his faithfulness to fail us, nor was he wanting unto us in Visions and Revelations. Oh how doth he appear in his glory, beauty and brightness, so that our souls are ravished and wrapped up with his living presence and glory many times, so that we do not dare to look out at our long sufferings nor trials, but do press forwards towards the fulness of joy and blessedness which our Eternal Father hath prepared for all them that love him, and walk in obedience to him; and we know, the deeper our sorrow is, the greater our joy shall be; and the heavier our Cross; the weightier our Crown, as we abide faithful: And we do believe, that neither Principalities nor Powers, nor sufferings, nor imprisonment, nor persecution, nor life nor death, shall be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

Dear beloved Friends though our bodies are bolted up in the Rocks and Caves of the Earth, yet our spirits (you know) none

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can limit nor confine to any place. And we do behold your order and steadfastness of your faith and labour of love, and are daily refreshed in all the faithful-hearted. Oh dear hearts! the remembrance of the least of you is precious. Oh! the Rivers of tears that have distilled from our eyes, whilst we do think upon you for joy, because of your growth and flourishing in the Truth. Oh! you are Virgins indeed, who have Oyl in your Vessels; and your Lamps burning, and are cloathed with the long white Robes of Righteousness, and are adorned with the Ornaments of pure Beauty and glorious brightness (abundance of you) to our joy and comfort; and we do pray night and day. That every Babe of our Heavenly Father's begetting may prosper, even as we desire our own souls should prosper; and that every one may be kept out of incumbrances, and use the World as if they used it not; but every one's mind, spirit, heart and soul, may be exercised in the Eternal, by the Power of God, out of the earthly, out of the visible, out of the carnal and perishing things of this life, (so as to trust in it) into the heavenly, into the spiritual, into the invisible, into that which never changeth, fadeth, nor waxeth old, where every one may dwell in the enjoyment of the presence of the Lord; for in the presence of the Lord is fulness of joy, and at his right hand is pleasure for evermore. Oh! that every one may be emptied of your selves, and unbottomed of your selves, that you may build wholly upon the sure foundation, and anchored so fast upon the Rock of Ages, that neither the swelling Seas, nor the foaming Waves, nor stormy Winds, though they beat vehemently, may ever be able to remove you. Oh dear Brethren! in the life and power you may feel the issues of Love and Life, which stream as a River to every soul of you, from the hearts of us that are wholly joined to the Fountain; Glory and everlasting praise be given to his holy Name. Our whole souls, spirits, hearts and minds, are given up to serve the Lord in whatsoever he requires of us, as he shall make it manifest unto us. And we do bless his Name for ever, that he hath found us worthy of so high a calling, as to bind Kings in chains, and Nobles in fetters of Iron. Our prayers are continually for the advancement of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus throughout the whole Earth, for the gathering of the Seed of the Elect of God; and for the raising of it up over

the Seed of the Serpent, in power and great glory, to bear rule, and to have dominion over the whole World, that the Kingdoms of this World may become the Kingdoms of our Lord Jesus, that he may rule in his Princely Power; and reign in his Kingly Majesty, whose Right it is; that the knowledge of the Lord may cover the Earth, as the Water covereth the Sea; that all the Children of the Lord may be taught of the Lord; and be established in Righteousness; that so the Mourners in *Sion* may rejoice; and the heavy hearted in *Jerusalem* may be right glad: The Lord God of Power hasten it for his own Name's sake, and for his Elect's sake, that Iye in captivity under the hands of the dark Powers of the Earth, either spiritual or temporal; Amen, Amen saith our spirits.

Dear and precious Friends and Brethren, pray for us, that we may finish our Testimony to the glory of God, and to the praise of his holy Name, and to the comfort of all that love his appearing, and to our own eternal salvation, and to the shame and confusion of all that hate the Lord Jesus, and persecute his Truth. So in the pure Vnity of the Covenant of Light, Life, Peace, Love, and everlasting Righteousness, do we take our leaves of you all at this time, hoping and believing we shall see your faces once again, before we go hence, and be no more seen. Dear Friends, pray for us.

Though we were in many streights and hardships by reason of the oppression; yet whilst our minds were staid upon the Fountain, we saw no want; but our tender Father, whose heavenly eye was ever over us, saw our necessities, sent his right dear and precious Servant, and just and faithful Steward, *Daniel Baker*, to administer to our necessities both spiritual and temporal; he came not in his own time, will nor strength, but in the Will and time, Strength and Power of the Almighty God, at whose presence the Mountains were removed, the tall Cedars were made to bow, the strong Oaks to stoop. Oh wonderful! He went to the Lord Inquisitor, (the Popes Deputy) to demand our lawful Liberty, which would not be granted, unless he and we would write to *Messana*, or *Legorn*, to some *English* Merchant to be engaged for four thousand Dollars: Which Proposition being out of the Covenant of Light we durst not stoop to it; but our dear Brother in Christ Jesus offered his body for our liberty, but it would

would not be granted; nothing would serve but one to engage for four thousand Dollers to be paid, if ever we come into these parts again. Then in obedience to the Lord he offered up his Life for our Freedom, but all would not serve, the Will of our God be done.

Oh dear Friends! greater Love was never heard of, than for a man to lay down his Life for his Friend: Oh! it is worthy to be recorded in remembrance of him for ever, here he came up and down to administer to us with his Life in his hand, time after time. So the Lord God of Power reward him double into his bosome for ever. Oh how did he refresh our souls, spirits, minds and bodies through great tryals, which is never to be forgotten.

Written in the Inquisition at
Malta, in the 11th. Month
of the year 1661. By us

Katharine Evans,
Sarah Chevers.

Who have suffered for the living testimony of Jesus; and his pure Innocency, in Bonds, tryals and tribulations, more than three years, to this day.

A short Relation of some more of their exceeding great Tryals and Temptations.

NOW in short time after we were taken Prisoners, we were stung with Flies called *Muskatoes*, in our faces and our heads, as we lay in our Beds, that were swollen as if we had the Small-Pox, so that all people were afraid of us, save the *English* Consul; they thought we had been unclean persons, so that a Fryar told Sarah he saw

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an evil spirit in her face, which was a great trial; they could not sleep in their beds in the house, they were so tormented. & we were told, that they had seen them that did pray and preach every day were burnt for Witches in a short time; and they would keep us to see our lives and conversations; and so they have: And glory be to our God, they cannot lay guilt to our charge; but are made to confess the truth.

In a few days after we were there, in a Vision, in the night, the Lord appeared unto me, and shewed me, that round about us, and above and beneath us, there were many Magicians of Egypt; and the Lord smote me, and said unto me, *The Devil hath desired to winnow you as Wheat; but pray that your faith fail not.* And the sight was very dreadful and terrible; and the voice of the Lord did awake me with much trembling and amazement, and a great War for the space of twelve hours, before I could get the victory; and we did witness but little ease to the flesh night nor day. We went in obedience to the Lord to one of their Tower-Houses in time of their Worship, and stood trembling in the midst of them; and I was made to turn my back to the high Altar, and kneel down, and lift up my voice in prayer unto the Lord, and he that was saying Service, drew off his Surplice, and kneeled a little beside us till I had done: and he reacht forth his hand to us, to come to him, and offered me a token; and the Lord shewed me it was the Mark of the Beast: And I refused it; and he put it into Sarah's hand, and she gave it him again, and shewed him her Purse, that she had to give, if any had need. And he asked if we were Calvinists or Lutherans? And we said, Nay. And he asked if we would go to Rome to the Pope? But we denied. And he asked if we were Catholics? And we told him, We were true Christians, the servants of the living God. And many of them were amazed, and came round about us; We having but little of their Tongue, gave our Testimony (for the Lord) in words and signs, as well as we could; and they were made subject to the Power at that present, praises be given to our God; and we departed in peace.

And since that, the Lord laid such a heavy burthen upon us, that we did question what he would do with us, before we knew the mind of God in it. And upon a set-day they had a great

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Meeting to take their holy Sacrament, (as they call it) in a high place; but we knew nothing of it, nor where it was, but what the Lord revealed to us. And we were made to go in, and stand in the midst; and there were many lights in divers places, and many Christs, as they call them; and much costliness and abominations of the Earth; they had so many sorts of holy Garments (as they call them) of so many colours, that it would make one wonder how the Devil did invent it. And there we were made to stand in the midst for the space of three parts of an hour, as near as I can judge, in great power, trembling and quaking, and bitter mourning, so that they were all amazed, and some removed further for fear, but knew not what to do; for I never did witness such an Earthquake. In the end one came soberly, and spake to us to go forth; and we went in the Lord's time, and sat at the door trembling and mourning, to the astonishment of them, and being so overcome with their abominations, we went along the street reeling to and fro, and staggering like drunken men, so that we were a wound to all that saw us: It was the wonderful Power of God that made way for us to go forth to them, and kept us. They have used all the Craft they have day and night to Inchant us, as the Lord hath made it known unto us, Glory and prayer be to his everlasting Name for ever more. We know that there is no Inchantment against *Jacob*, nor divination against *Israel*.

Dearly beloved friends, Wee dearly salute you all in the invaluable life of our God, who is our life, our peace, our stay and strength; under whose shadow wee are Refreshed, praised, glory and honour be given unto his powerfull name of all his for ever.

Truly friends, we are not able to declare the large mercies of our God vouchsafed unto us from time to time, his born is our strength, and his Name our strong Tower in all our troubles, temptations, trials and sufferings; he is a God at hand, and not afar off, and doth make us sensible before-hand, by Visions and Revelations, what is coming upon us; and doth arm us with his own Armour, and makes us as bold as Lyons; for we fear not the face of man, because we know we shall not suffer any thing but what shall make for the glory of our God; but truly we had fainted long ago, had not the Lord upheld us by his free Spirit; but we know the Lord taketh care of the least of them that trust him.

him: Praises be unto him for ever. Dear Friends, though we be absent in body, yet we are present in spirit, and do feel you in that which cannot be separated, as we abide faithful, and are much refreshed in you; and the remembrance of you is precious unto us: Oh! that all our Friends could prize the company and the sight of each others faces. We do not want the company of Fryars, Jesuits and Magistrates, nor great women. Here are some that have breathings after life, but they dare not shew it, for the same thing that was, is; they will not enter in themselves, nor suffer them that would.

The Lord Inquisitor sent to us, that if we would (being we are good Women) we should go into the Nunnery among the holy Women; and be maintained as long as we live, in regard we have denied the World, and all we have. And the Fryar told us, if we would come to their Masse-house. and receive their holy Sacrament, we should be the most eminent Catholicks in all *Malta*; but we denied them in the Name of the Lord, and all their dead soppery which they have invented. Here we are kept under the Inquisition, as they say, till they have Orders from the Pope of *Rome* what they should do with us.

We beseech you all, faithful Friends, pray for us, for great are our trials: Did you but know the abominations that the Devil hath invented here, you would think it were tryal enough: But here we have cruel mockings, and the same contradictions, trials and temptations that ever the servants of the Lord had, & Christ himself: It is the wonderful Power of God that we are preserved till this time; for all the whole Island are Papists; and given up to Idolatry. We are despised of all people, and abhorred of all Nations; and because they cannot have any just thing against us, they do invent lyes against us; but the Lord is on our side, for else the Enemy would soon destroy us; for great is their rage; and we have continual War with them night and day we feel; behold their threatnings and cruelty is more than our tongues can express: Great is the love of our God, for he doth refresh us with the sweet drops of his mercy, and doth water us every moment with the everlasting springs of his Love, or else we had fainted long ago.

Oh ! let all who know the Lord, praise and glorify his holy Name for ever and ever, *Amen.* Dear Friends Friends, farewell in the Lord.

From us who are in outward Bonds in the City of *Malta*, for the Testimony of Jesus, glory be to his Name for ever, who hath counted us worthy. We are in health: present, blessed be God.

*Katharine Evans.
Sarah Chevers.*

*Several other Writings to D.B. whilst he
was in M A L T A.*

OH thou tender-hearted one, whom our God and our Eternal Father hath sent to relieve us his poor innocent Lambs, in hard bondage, and deep captivity, which thou art an eye-witness of; none can receive or discern it, but those that do see it: *See* our Heavenly Father, who hath respect to the rest of them that believe in his Name, hath sent thee to be an eye-witness in some measure, of what we have undergone. Oh my dear, precious and endeared one! thou meek Lamb; thou innocent Dove, who dost bear the likeness, beauty and brightness of that unsporting one that is come in the Volume of the Book to do the Will of God: We can give in our Testimony for thee, that thou camest here in the Power and Authority of the Most High, to which the tall Cedars were made to bow, and the strong Oaks to bend, praises, praises be given to our everlasting God for evermore. Oh my dearly beloved Brother, thy beauty shineth indeed; thou art all glorious within and without; thy Garments are perfumed with all delightful scents: We smell the sweet odours thereof, and do feel the fulness of Love and Life which runs from thy tender heart day and night to us, and in the same unity of Love do our hearts stream forth to thee, and thou knowest full well: Oh how
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have our hearts and bowels been melted for thee; our heads and eyes have run with tears, and our souls have been poured forth to our Heavenly Father for thy preservation, and we do truly labor to see thy face before thou comest: Glory and praises be given to our Eternal Lord God, *Amen* saith our spirits; that he doth vouchsafe us so great a mercy as to behold the face of so precious a Friend: We do beseech God to moderate us with his Eternal Spirit, that we may always be mindful of his mercies, and never so let his benefits slip out of our minds. We have been near death many times, when we had none to come near us, but those that preached death and destruction to us; I have lain twelve dayes, or more, in a fast, in strong travel night and day, that my dearly beloved Yoke-Mate would have been glad if the Lord would have taken me out of the body, because of my weak affliction.

Then the English Fryar which was here, came up and down to us, and down to us, and would say to my Friend, *She is ready to depart, send for me, and take notice what torment she will be in; a thousand Devils will be about her, to fetch her soul to Hell, because she will not be a Catholick.* And after we were parted, we were called to fast, so that my Friend was so weak, that she put on such linnen upon her head, as she thought to lie in her Grave: We did eat but little in a Month together, when our money was almost done, till we did know the mind of the Lord what to do. Then they did run to and fro like mad men, and the Fryars did come and say, The Inquisitor sent them to tell us, we might have any thing we would eat; and they did say, it was not possible that ever creatures could live with so little meat for so long a time together. They bring us meat, and say, the English Consul did send it. It was a glorious Fast indeed, the Lord did appear wonderfully in it, praises be given to him for ever, *Amen.*

We were very weak, because the power did work so strongly; I had no manner of food in my body five or six days together; We did lie in clothes, because we had no strength to put them off, nor one to make our bed: Then we did speak to the Fryar, that we might come together; but he said they had no such orders; if we would have a Physician, we might. And there we lay, none knowing from morning to morning, whether we were dead or alive. We were kept quiet and still till the Lord's time

time was come; they brought many things for us to eat: Then the Lord said, *Thou mayest take as freely as if thou hadst laboured for it with thy hands; I will sanctifie it to thee through the Cross.* And he said unto *Sarab*, *she should eat of the fruit of her hands, and be blessed.* And we did eat, and were refreshed, and glorified the Lord; We did cry mightily unto the Lord night and day, that we might not eat nor drink to offend him, we would rather dye. The Lord was well pleased with our Sacrifice, and did encrease our strength, and administered comfort to us; honor and glory be to his blessed Name for ever. In the lowest of all our conditions, we were kept a top of all the Mountains, so that they could not make us shrink or bow one jot or tittle to any of their Precepts or Commands. Yet the Fryars have commanded us in the Name of their God to kneel with them in prayer.

The time is too little for me to disclose the twentieth part of the terrible trials; but whensoever we were brought upon any tryal, the Lord did take away all fear from us, and multiplied our strength, and gave us power and boldness to plead for the truth of the Lord Jesus, and Wisdom of Words to stop the mouths of the gain-sayers, that they would be made to say we spake truth, they could never say otherwise: But they would say, We had not the true faith, but we had all virtues. Oh dear heart! if it be our Eternal Father's good pleasure to carry thee away without us, we do beseech our Heavenly Father to bless, and to give thee a prosperous return, and to feed thee with the fulness of the blessing of the powerful Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.* And we do believe we shall not want thy prayers, nor the prayers of all the faithful, that we may keep faithful to the end, so that our God may be glorified, his Church and People may be refreshed and rejoiced, and we may receive our Reward with the rest of the Lord's Lambs.

Our Life is with thee; for oh! thou art full of Love, thou tender-hearted one, who hath offered up thy sanctified body, and purified life, in obedience to the Lord, for us poor afflicted lambs with thee, and companions in tribulations, trials and persecutions, and in perils at Sea, and perils by Land. Oh thou precious Lamb of God, great is thy Reward in Heaven, great will be the Well-spring of joy that will arise in thee, in thy Journey: Oh

thou happy one indeed ! whom the Lord our God hath made choice of amongst his faithful Flock, and endued with so much power to come into such a place as this; not the like in all Europe by their own report, and all others, and to stop the mouths of Lyons, and to trample upon the heads of Serpents, Scorpions and Vipers of the Earth, and they could not hurt thee; their stings are taken out of their heads, and out of their tails, glory, honor and everlasting praises be given to our God for evermore, of all that know him: for he is worthy.

And the Lord bless thee and thine for ever *Amen*; and encrease thy strength, and multiply thee abundantly in every good gift and Grace, and prosper all thy undertakings, that thou mayest be approved for ever before the King of Saints, in the General Assembly of the Most High, and stand before the Throne of his Majesty with joy unspeakable, and full of glory, *Amen*; *Amen* saith our Spirits.

Dearly beloved pray for us, that we fall not, nor fail; whereby our Enemies may have any advantage to rejoice, and say, We served a God that could not serve us, and called upon a God that could not deliver us; as if we were like them, to call upon stocks, stones, pictures, and painted Walls, and dead things, that cannot see, hear nor speak through their throats. We do beseech thee to tell all our dear Friends, Fathers and Elders, the Pillars of the spiritual Building, with all the rest of our Christian Brethren, that we do desire their Prayers, for we have need of them.

OH! How strong and powerful's our KING.

To all that do believe in him?

He doth preserve them from the Snare

And sceth of those that would them tear,

We that are sufferers for the Seed,

Our Hearts are wounded, and do bleed,

To see th' Oppression and Cruelty

Of men, that do thy Truth deny,

In Dungeons strong, and Dungeons deep;

To God alone we cry and weep:

Our sorrows none can read nor learn,

But those that have past through the same.

*But he whose Beauty shineth bright,
 Turneth darknesse into Light;
 Maketh Cedars to bow, and Oaks to bend
 To him that's sent to the same end.
 He is a Fountain pure and clear,
 His Chrystal Streams runs far and near;
 To cleanse all those which come to him,
 For to be healed of their sin.
 All them that do patiently abide,
 And never swerve nor go aside;
 The Lord will them deliver out of all
 Captivity, Bondage and Thrall.*

I Et E.C. know, That his Exhortations I do dearly embrace,
 and do witness it to be an Eternal Truth, I have had large
 experience of it, the Lord hath carried me on in much difficult
 Service, so that many times the vway hath been stopt up, that to
 the eye of Reason I could not have a way made both by Sea and
 Land: Oh if thou didst but know what experience I had of the
 mighty hand of the Lord in making a way, thou wouldst won-
 der. Once my vway was stopt, and my persecution was so
 hot, that I sat in a Field all night to wait upon the Lord to make
 way for me to do the Work he laid upon me: I could not get
 lodging for money in Town nor City; it was at Salisbury: where
 I was whipt in the Market. And the next morning I went
 through the City by the Watchmen, and they took no notice of
 me. Whereforever the Lord did send me, into what Land or Ci-
 ty, or place soever, if they did put me out never so oft, he would
 make me go till I got victory; save in the *Isle of Man*, there was
 a Souldier came to my bed-side with a naked Sword, and took me
 by the Arm, and hal'd me out of the Bed at the tenth hour of the
 night, and carried me on Ship board: When I put on my clothes
 I did not dare to rise. That place lies upon me yet; and I have
 motions to *Edenburgh* in Scotland, I was never there; the Lord did
 make me to do him service to almost all the mighty men in Eng-
 land and Ireland; insomuch that I cryed oft to my God, saying,
Lord, What wilt thou do with me: that am so foolish, to go to such wise
men! If I were wise, I did not care if thou didst carry me to the end of
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the Earth. The Lord said, the foolish things must confound the wise; and he would carry me before the mightiest men in all the Earth, to bear his Name before them, and I should have victory wheresoever I went: And I do believe the Lord, and we both are made willing to wait the Lord's time, which is a time of peace and joy, safety and happiness. And we do bless, laud, praise and magnify his holy Name, that he sent so heavenly a Messenger to relieve, strengthen, comfort and refresh us in our great necessity, which is a mercy beyond expression; all Friends that do understand it, will say so; Glory and everlasting praises, honor, power and dominion be given to our Eternal Lord God for evermore, of us, and all that know him, *Amen, Amen* saith our spirit.

Oh true and faithful Brother, into the Arms of everlasting power and holiness, strength and mightiness, purity and righteousness, do we commit thee, to be kept and preserved, and prosperously carried on in thy Journey: The powerful blessing, peace, joy and happiness of the Majesty of the Most High God go along with thee, to preserve, and protect thee for ever, *Amen, Amen*.

Pray for us dear heart, that we may receive strength to overcome, that we may sing the song of *Moses* and the Lamb, and the redeemed of the Lord, *Amen*.

Dear heart, it is hard for us to part with thee; thou wilt feel it.

The Will of our Eternal Father be done; in the pure unity of the blessed Spirit of Light, Life, Joy, Peace and everlasting Glory, do we here take our leave of thee at this time, hoping to see thy face again with joy in our Lord's time.

O dear heart! our hearts, souls, spirits, and our whole lives goeth along with thee.

The pure peace of our God rest upon thee, *Amen*.

Dear! salute us to all Friends, for they are dear and precious to us indeed.

Farewell, farewell dear heart, farewell.

Dear heart,

THou hast cleared thy Conscience towards us in the sight of God and man; if here had been many friends, what could have been done more concerning us than thou hast done? Thou hast stood in great jeopardy ever since, and thy life hath been sought for much; We have felt it, and cryed night and day to our Heavenly Father to preserve thee, and safely deliver thee: Whatsoever we do suffer, we desire the Will of our Heavenly Father to be done in all things, if the Lord doth stir up the Earch to help the Woman, it is his own free love; and upon that account we shall receive it, and not upon any other.

This they spake concerning the money I life with them, and for their necessities: And the Lord did appear unto me in a Vision of the Night, and smote me on the Arm, and said, *Look, there is the Pope, he will not hurt thee*; Where he stood in the Room, as one forsaken of God and man; this was at the *English Consuls*, when there was some fear upon me concerning him. Now here is a *Roman* in the Prison which came hither upon some account, he is a Doctor of Law, and differs from them in many things; but they are all of one spirit: He doth constantly affirm, that the Pope hath sent an Order to set us free; and he saith, they are lyars and false blasphemers if they do say the Pope sent any such Order as they speak of. They do meet every day concerning us; we do feel them; some would have it one way, and some another, and so they cannot agree, because they do act contrary to the Will of God; the Lord sets it all on fire, and hath burned all they have done these three years concerning us. Now where they will look for a Reward of their charges, we do not know; the wise are taken in their own craftinels, and the subtle in their own snare. There have twelve of them fate in Judgement upon us three years; and some have struck hard at our lives, so that we have been even at death's door. I have lain very weak three Weeks at a time. There are many for us, as far as they do dare. The Lord says, there were two with the Inquisitor for us, and did plead much with him: I did

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see it in a Night-Vision, The *English* Consul which is dead, was with us two several times after we were in the Inquisition ; he said he would lend us five pounds when we did want ; but when our money was near done, we were made to rejoice greatly, and could not take any of any one. We did not know the mind of the Lord in it; but had we had money, we had not known the mighty Power of God. Now we are able to trust the Lord where-ever he shall carry us without money. We do question the money in the Consul's hand. It will be hard for him to part with it. Our Life is with thee.

A few Lines to D. B.

OH our dear and faithful Friend and Brother, begotten of our heavenly Father, right dear and precious in his sight, and beautiful before his presence. Dear heart, we do glorify our God in our hearts, souls and spirits, who hath called, chosen, and elected thee to come up to the help of him against the Mighty, and hath carryed thee along in so weighty a Work, and hath prospered thee therein, praises be given to his blessed Name for ever, who hath enclosed thee in his Bosom, and Chamber of his everlasting Love, and hath hid thee in his private Pavillion, where them that would hurt thee, cannot find thee, because of the shadowing of his Almightyness, under whose defence thou art kept safe, and he doth carry thee upon the Wings of his Power, so that the Mountains do become plain before thee, which we do see clearly in the Light ; Eternal honor and glory be to his Name for ever, who is called, Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, in whom we have fellowship, and unity one with another, and none can hinder.

Dear heart, we do dearly embrace thy sweet Exhortations, thou being sensible of the instigations of Satan, who hath winnowed us with every bait, winding and twining slights that he hath, Praises be to our God for ever, who hath preserved us, and prevented him.

*The Enemies being busie with their Temptations, to have us enter in-
to their Covenant, thereupon I was moved to write these following
wards, which I communicated to their hands with the former
Paper, Viz.*

BEhold the Word of Life arose in me, saying, (this morning)
Keep to *Yea* and *Nay*, and I will confirm my Covenant unto
thee. These Words were spoken to the true Seed that shall inhe-
rit the Kingdom; the same (you know) is but one in Male and
Female. And so the blessing of my Life rest upon you, and be
with you in the same, even in that which hath no end, neither fa-
deth away; yea, and my Spirit saith; *Amen*.

Dear Lambs, read within, and be refreshed, and the God of
Life and Peace encrease the same, and multiply your strength a-
bundantly, *Amen*.

*Malta, the 10th day of the
11th Month, 1661.*

D. B.

Another Paper from them to my hand.

DEar and precious hearts, in the Eternal Covenant of Light and
Life of our God, do we salute thee, and dearly embrace thee. Oh!
what hath the Lord made thee unto us! far more precious than we are able
to expresse; and great will be thy reward for thy faithfulness to the Lord,
and thy dear and tender love to us, and thy diligent care of us;

Oh! thou art the Messenger we have cried long for, to our Heav-
enly Father, saying, How long, Oh Lord! How long will it be before thou
wilt send thy Messenger, whose feet are beautiful, coming upon the
Mountains, bringing glad tidings of great joy to us thy poor Captives.
Now hath the Lord our God answered us at large; Praises, praises be to
his Name for evermore.

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Oh! how are our souls refreshed, and our spirits supported, and our hearts comforted, our minds rejoiced, and our bodies strengthened! Thou canst never do greater service to the Lord our God, than to come into such a place as this is, to offer up thy dear life in ransoming us: Great was the Power that brought thee, and great is the Power that doth uphold thee, and Mighty is the Strength which doth preserve thee, and great will be thy Reward. Thy labour of Love we do bear Testimony cannot be forgotten, nor thy faith unfeigned put out of remembrance; it is written in the Book of Life for ever, and it will be registred and read in the House of Israel Eternally; The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it, and he will perform it. Farewell in the Lord. By us.

Katharine Evans;
Sarah Chevers.

Our dearly beloved and precious Friend and Brother, right honorable indeed for ever: We dare not look out at thy departure, because we stand in the will of our Maker. The blessing of the Almighty be upon thee for ever, and make thee flourish in all thy endeavours; Thou art called by the Name of Daniel Baker, in the midst of thine Enemies thou art in the hand of thy Maker: And this the Lord hath spoken, Where-ever thou dost come, thy Glass shall not be broken, until thy Sand be run. Oh! this day is this Prophecie fulfilled in our sight: When they have done dealing treacherously, they shall be dealt treacherously withall; the Lord doth steal in upon them; Praises be to his Name.

Dear heart, salute us dearly to thy dear and precious Wife, with all dear Friends, in the Covenant of Grace and Peace. Dear heart, farewell, farewell.

K. E. S. C.

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*Another Letter from Sarah Chevers, to
friends in Ireland, to be read among the
assemblies of Saints in Light.*

OH! all ye righteous ones, whose dwellings are on high, in the fulness of beauty, holiness and glory, whose Name and Fame reacheth to the ends of the Earth, to the astonishment of the Heathen, and the amazement of the ungodly, to the preparation of all Nations to appear before the dreadful presence of our Lord God Almighty, to be stript of all false coverings, and to be left without excuse; Glory and praises be to our God for ever *Amen*; who hath made us eye-witnesses of his mighty Work, and helpers together with you, according to our measures, to the chaining down of the Powers of darkness, and to the defacing of that painted Harlot, *Mysterie Babylon*, with all her Lovers, to the utter overthrow of Anti-christ, with all his wicked Kingdom, *Amen*.

The day is dawning, the Sun of Righteousness is arising over all Nations, for to make a clear separation, to gather in his own Flock, and to scatter the proud in the imaginations of their own hearts, to feed the hungry, to heal the sick, and to bind up the broken hearted, to cloath the naked, to visit the spirits in prison, and comfort the Mourners in *Sion*, to cause the heavy-hearted in *Jerusalem* to rejoice.

Oh my dear Friends! who are precious in the sight of our Heavenly Father, partakers of his Divine Nature, living Stones, and holy Assemblies, wherein dwelleth the fulness of God Almighty's Power and Strength, Riches, Glory, Wisdom, Counsel, Knowledge and Understanding: he is the Rock of Ages, the sure Foundation, the Ark of the Covenant of the Promise of everlasting blessedness, *Amen*.

My dear and precious ones, whom my soul loveth, my heart delighteth in you, and my spirit rejoiceth greatly because of the excellency of God's Almightyness amongst you, so that you are a dread to the Nations; Kings, Princes, and mighty men of the Earth shall bow before the Power of Almighty God, by whom

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we stand, and all shall be brought under the Foot-stool of Christ and his Government, and he alone shall reign in righteousness, and rule the Nations in Judgement; then shall the cry of the poor be heard, and the sighing of the needy be eased, and the yoke of Wickedness be broken, and the oppressed shall be set free; the Image of Christ restored, and the Image of that subtle Serpent defaced, destroyed, and utterly cast down for ever, *Amen*, so saith my Spirit: Glory, honor, laud and praise, be given to our Lord God Almighty, for ever, *Amen*.

A sweet Salutation is this, from the breathing forth of my pure Life, to the same Life; in my Spirit, joining in my measure, a sufferer for the Seed's sake, glory to the Lord, who hath counted me worthy; Farewel, farewel my dear hearts. My dear Yoke-mate K. E. dearly salutes all Friends:

O ye holy Assemblies! whose hearts are wholly joined to the Lord, I with you, in the Life & Power of the Almighty God do travel for the raising of the Seed, & the gathering in of the lost sheep of the House of Israel. Oh! blessed be the day wherein the Lord called me, and counted me worthy to suffer for the Seed's sake: Praise, praise the Lord for me ye blessed of the Lord, in whom the living praises are found in the living Fountain of God Almighty, the fullness that filleth every empty soul, in the Streams of Love, Life, Light, Strength, Riches, Immortality, and Eternal Glory; So Truth, Joy, Peace and everlasting Blessedness remain with you all for ever, *Amen*.

My Life is given up for the service of the Lord, Bonds, Chains, Bolts, Irons, double doors, Death it self is too little for the Testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God; so the Seed be gathered, it is but a reasonable Sacrifice: Bonds and Afflictions be-tide the Gospel of Christ; *He that will live godly in Christ Jesus, must suffer Persecutions*; it is an evident token.

My dear Friends, my Light, my Life, my Love hath perfect Union in the Eternal Spirit of the living God, and remains with you all for ever. Fathers, Elders, Pillars, Nursing-Mothers in Israel, true Israelites indeed, in whom is no guile. My dear Salutation, and breathing forth of my Eternal Father's Love is to all the breathing Seed, begotten of the Heavenly Father, Peace, Mercy and Truth be multiplied among you all for ever, *Amen*.

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"Pray for us that we may have boldness over our Enemies, to fulfil the righteous Will of our Heavenly Father, and be kept faithful in his Will, for ever, *Amen*. Streams of Love and Life floweth from a living Fountain, to you all my dear Friends; Our love remaineth ever with you all, *Amen*."

Present this to the hand of L. C.

L. C. *Thou Nursing-Mother in Israel, peace be to thee for ever, Amen. Thy dear Brother Daniel Baker, in the Covenant of Life, in obedience to the Lord, hath visited us, to the amazement of our Enemies, Glory be to the Lord for ever, Amen; He hath been a faithful Steward indeed, worthy to be had in remembrance in the Book of Israel, for ever, Amen. Whatsoever for the Truth we suffer, our reward is with us, and our innocent life will clear us, Amen.*

Written by me Sarah Chevers, a Prisoner in the Inquisition, for the clear Testimony of the Lord Jesus: This 11th, Month of the year 1661-

Now after I had received these Papers, though not through a little streights and difficulty, with jeopardy of my precious Life, which my God sweetly through all preserved, Glory to his Name; my heart was (as it were) overcome with the loving-kindness and salvation of the living Lord, and in his savory Life my mouth was filled with thanksgiving and praises to my God; and I said in my heart on this wise, Who am I, oh Lord! or what was my Father's House, or what is the Land of my Nativity, that I (a poor afflicted and despised Worm!) should be raised up to see and perceive what mine eye, mine eye in thy Eternal Power and pure Life beholds! Oh my God! thou hast known the innocent travel of my soul, which I right well know the same is not hid from thee, even from the day of my birth, unto this moment, through no small trials and tribulations, and through the exer-
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cise of manifold temptations; yet behold, my Life is preserved at this time: And oh! my heart, my mind, my soul, my spirit, in thy pure, undefiled Life and Virtue, blesteth thy Name, thy pure Name, which thy Virgins love and live in, and in the same they glorifie thy beloved, and the Wings of thy Majesty overshadoweth them, and their delight is under the secret shadow of thy Almightyness, blessed be thy Glory, blessed be thy undefiled Power, blessed and magnified be thy pure Wisdom, and let the same be so even in the Tabernacles of the just for ever. Thou Lamb of Immortality, the Thrones, the Kingdoms, and Eternal Dominions are thine, and over all thy Throne is, and shall be exalted, and thy Lambs behold thy glory and thy Majesty, in this the day of thy terrible and glorious appearance; Wisdom, Riches, Glory, Power, Might and Dominion everlasting (with Eternal Salvation) over all, to thy Name, *Amen*, saith my Spirit, in the Life which is, was, and for ever shall be, the same which liveth and abideth for ever, and fadeth not away: In the same I commend thy dear, tender Lambs, to be preserved according to thy unsearchable Wisdom, and counsel of thine own heart, to thy everlasting Renown and Glory, and their Eternal comfort and joy, and felicity with thy Saints and Angels in the Light of thy countenance, and in everlasting remembrance in the powerful and Eternal Kingdom of Immortality, if I be no more in this World, when this body is gone to its place, according to thy Eternal Purpose and Decree, in thy Eternal Counsel; so be it, saith my spirit, yea and *Amen* saith my soul, which blesteth and magnifieth thy Eternal Name, inasmuch as thou hast so far fulfilled thy living Word of Prophetic, and not onely so, but much more also in the desire of my heart, in the behalf of thy dear, tender, suffering, and long-suffering Seed of thine own bowels, for which be innumerable Praises, Wisdom, Salvation, Glory and Dominion, to thy holy Name, *Amen, Amen*.

MY right dearly and well-beloved Friends of Eternal Life, of the Church of the first-born of the living God, which is the Pillar and ground of Truth, of which Christ Jesus our Lord is the alone and onely Head: Peace be unto you in him, who is arisen in his pure immortal life, and hath brought Life and Immortality to Light, through the Word of his Power, and his Eternal Gospel of Peace, which is not hid from us, but it's clearly manifest in us by his coming, who ariseth with bealing in his wings: Glory, Dominion, living, endless praises immortal to his Name, now and for evermore; and let all the upright in heart, with my precious life say, Even so Amen.

Dear suffering, and long-suffering Lambs, ye know, that as I came in the Eternal Love and Peace of Immanuel, God's Lamb, to visit and serve you, and minister to your necessities, the which in the same Life and Peace, and in the integrity and uprightness of heart, and in its pure innocency, my God knoweth; and behold I call your Life that's manifest in you, (in which is our perfect unity as Members of one Body, to bear me record, That I have endeavoured in the good will of my God, to perform the same; and verily, the hand and blessing of Almighty God is with me, and hath blessed me, and so my reward is with me, and my work hath been manifest before me, even in the Light of his Countenance that liveth for ever; and this Scripture is fulfilled in me also, The Father worketh hitherto, and I work. So my dear Friends, I have honestly and nakedly before the Lord cleared my Conscience so far concerning you, and on your behalf, which is my reasonable service; and so I leave the same to the living Testimony of the Lord Jesus which you hold, and for which I am satisfied, (and in the behalf of the whole body of God's Elect you have so long suffered) So the Eternal God of Power, Dominion and Glory, of Heaven and Earth, console, support and strengthen you, (to the end) that your Testimony may be finished with joy, to his ever lasting praise to whom onely it belongs; and so my Spirit in the Light and Life immortal, saith, Even so Amen. Farewel dear Lambs, I am your true Brother,

D. B.

Joseph was not made known to his Brethren the first time, though his Travels earned towards and over them, till at last he could no longer bear

*hear crying out with tears, saying, I am Joseph your Brother; and li-
tle Benjamin the youngest, he dearly loved you know.*

*This 5th. day of the Week, and the
30th. of the 11th. Mo. 1661.*

*When my face you do not see,
Wait in the Eternal Life, and then remember me.*

So farewell, and feel the Well-spring of Life.

This and many other Papers was communicated to each others hands, (which are seen meet not to be added hereunto) with the jeopardy of my life, and what else did attend us; but magnified and for ever blessed be the living Lord and his Goodness, Wisdom and Salvation, who prospered his Work and Workers in his own Life of lasting Righteousness, through and over self, over all that which must dye and go to its place, *Amen.*

DANIEL.

*Here followeth somewhat relating to the
Travel and Service of D.B. which he
bath freedom to give forth for the Truth's
sake, and Friends satisfaction.*

THe intent of the Spirit of the Lord within my heart and mind, stirring me up to write somewhat concerning my travel from my Native Countrey, Kindred and Father's House, being freely given up to serve the Lord, his Truth and People, in the Power and Gospel of God; I having no imposition or necessity at all laid upon my Conscience, as from any mortal man, but

certainly it was a pure necessity from the living God of Heaven & Earth, many of his faithful servants, Messengers, sons & daughters that were, & are as dear & precious to me as my own life, may bear me record on the Lords behalf unto the truth of what I write on this wise; & surely in the counsel everlasting, the thing was hid from me then whether ever I should return to my Native Countrey or not. However in the love and favour of God, and in his fear set up within my heart, was I given up, with my body also offered as a living Sacrifice, which was but my reasonable sacrifice, to give a sound to the Nations afar off, of the mighty day of our God, and his blessed Truth, the Light of Jesu manifest in every Conscience, in which Light we have most assuredly believed unto salvation: And verily the Power and pure Presence of his Eternal Strength was with me, through many hardships, trials and tribulations; the right hand of the hiding of his Power did sweetly guide, strengthen & support me, even as it did, and doth his Lambs whom he so send forth as among Wolves, in his Dove like innocency, harmlesness & wisdom, which is as wise, or rather wiser than the Serpents. And this Scripture have I well witnessed fulfilled whilst travelling from one Nation to another people, as my Father did in the ancient days. And on this wise, with three more Brethren, so freely given up with one consent in the behalf of the Gospel everlasting, that is now preaching again to the Nations, Tongues and Kindreds.

We set forward the 16th. of the third Month, and we sweetly parted with our right dearly beloved Friends, Brethren, Fathers and near Relations, that were flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone, and from all our outward acquaintance, and Native Countrey, in the Will, Love and Spirit of our God, in the same day from *Gravesend* we set forth; and at the end of 44. days, we arrived at *Legorn* in *Italy*; where we gave a certain sound of our innocent service and Message of Salvation; and of its life and blessedness, coming upon the Nations as a weight either to condemnation or justification, as the same is received or rejected among them.

And thus as we had opportunity, among the men of our own Nation, the *Jews* and others, we gave a sound and the blessing of the God of Heaven, and his Presence was with us, whether the Nation-

Nations of men did hear or forbear, but the Witness of God in sundry was reached; and the same answered in us. And herein we are so far well satisfied, whilst others were hardened, who defied us and our Testimony, as their uncircumcised Fathers always did resist and gain-say the truth that saves from sin, and so finally from its condemnation.

And it came to pass after that we had waited upon the Lord to understand his good will and pleasure, he answered us in the joy of our hearts, and we received his counsel, and communicated of the same to each other's Satisfaction in the love of God, in which we were well confirmed to obey the same until the death, as the Lord our God might have permitted for his Name's sake, who then further ordained us to be separated, viz. *John Stubbs* and *Henry Fell* to pass on towards *Alexandria*, and my dear brother and companion, *Richard Scothrop*, with me, to pass Eastward, to *Smyrna* and *Constantinople*, in *Asia*; and after a little season we parted in the goodness of God. And when 24. dayes were finished, having (in the mean time) touched a little season at the Island *Zant*, we arrived at *Smyrna*. But behold it came to pass, immediately as our coming there was not a little stir, together with the evil furnizings, and what else arising up as a flood, with threatnings breathed forth from the Apostate Christians, especially men of no small degree (of our own Nation) against us, when *Turks*, *Jew*, *Greeks*, *Heathens*, and others, were not altogether so evil affected as to let us from the exercise of our Conscience void of offence towards God and man, and so to hold forth the example of the harmless Life, and unblameable Conversation, in all equitableness in Doctrine, Life and Practice, of what we professed in the midst of them. But oh! how the Christians (by Name) in *Asia* (who should first have received the Word of saving-health) how did they despise and reproach not onely us, but our living Testimony and Message of Blessedness, which day by day was sounded in their ears notwithstanding; the Lord God lay not what they did against us, to their charge, when they have most need of Mercy and Peace with God, if happily repentance unto life be witnessed by them, who know not what they did; yea and my spirit is ready to say *Amen*, for their sakes that hated us without a cause, as the same unbelieving nature did our Lord and Master, whom

whom we love, serve and honor in the same, and therefore keep his sayings, which are not grievous to us in that one and the self-same Spirit which reproves the World for sin, in which we worship him as the Father, the which guideth into all truth, from all evil, concerning which we weladmonished their minds to subject to the one, and to avoid and turn from the other, each having their proper effects attending them; as anguish, woes, judgements and disquietments upon the soul and conscience that doth evil, and contrariwise, blessings, peace, glory, honor, and the goodness of God attending the soul of man which worketh good, in the Light of the same excellent Spirit of God which exerciseth the Conscience in temperance and sobriety, meekness, and gentleness of Christ.

And on this wise we besought the men of our own Nation, together with many more in them parts, that they may become a sweet savour of the pure life of Christ and Christianity, indeed and in truth, which tends to answer the Witness of the Eternal God manifest in *Turks, Greeks, Jews, Heathens*, and Apostate Christians among the dark Nations, where they have their conversation: Yet I am constrained to express somewhat of their manner of dealing with us to our good; Wherefore men of reasonable and honorable understanding, may bear with me, to the end that the honest-hearted may be informed to beware of a persecuting Spirit, which is not of God, neither ever was it born of him.

Their threatnings encreated daily, and they burthened themselves exceedingly with us, whose deportment and behaviour they were made to confess to, as did the Consul and divers others, which in truth they could not say otherwise, but that it was temperate, innocent, harmless and unblameable in our conversation; Magnified be the Lord, and blessed be his Grace of Life, by which we in submission to the same were guided herein: But because our Testimony was not for, but against whatsoever might be said in truth to be evil, unjust, or unequitable, *(which is dishonorable)* therefore were we hated of the high and lofty, to the disquieting of their own rest day and night, because they burthened themselves so with the truth and innocency of the Lord's Testimony, which our Life held forth among them who received not the same in his love that they might be saved not only from sin, but also from the

the wrath to come. So they forthwith sent a Message from Smyrna, to the great City Constantinople, to the King's Ambassador of England, and besought him to expel us out from among them of Asia, that we might not have a being in the extent of their Authority, in visiting them on this wise, as by the annexed Warrant thou that reads the same, may understand.

A Copy of the Warrant which they produc't and prosecuted.

Whereas we are informed, that there is lately arrived with the Zant Frigot, one Daniel Baker, with his Companion, commonly called Quakers, with intention to come up to this Port; and because we sufficiently have had experience, that the carriage of that sort of people is ridiculous, and is capable to bring dishonor to our Nation; besides other ill-conveniences that may redound to them in particular, and to the English in general:

We therefore will and require you to give a stop to the said Quakers, from proceeding any further in their journey either to Constantinople; or the present Court of the Grand Signior, (viz. the Great Emperor of the Turks) or to any other place where our Authority extends, shipping them away either directly for England, or any other part which they shall chuse to imbarque.

And we do hereby require all Officers and Members of the Factory, and Masters and Officers of Ships, to be aiding and assisting to you herein: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant.

For our loving Friend, Anthony Isaacson, Esquire, Consul for the English Nation at Smyrna; By his Excellency's command, Paul Ricoat, Secretary.

Given under our Hand and Seal, at our Court at Pare of Constantinople, the 19th. day of July, (it should be August, for we were not in Asia in the Month called July) 1661. Winchell. 4.

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And forthwith this Warrant was dispatcht with a Messenger from the Embassador's Court at *Constantinople*, to *Smyrna*; and behold, the Merchants of the Earth, and others that could not endure to hear of the sound of Truth, received the same not with little gladness, (poor me! wo and alas for them!) the end of which will not be peace, but contrariwise, wo and misery; and they put the same Warrant in execution, and sent a *Turkish* Janisary, and a *Druggerman*, that were Officers under the Consul of the *English* Nation; and they came with *Harmols*, (*viz.* called *Porters*) with *Cain's* Weapons, and fetcht us from our Lodging before the Consul; and the man was courteous and moderate, and had his ear open then to what we in the reverence and fear of the Lord then said unto him, which was his honor. who then saw over and beyond that foolish Ceremony of the Hat, neither did he burden himself with the same, as many unwisely do, to the clouding or veiling of the nobility of a good understanding, which hath a more noble respect to Equity, Justice and Judgement, without respect of persons in them, where it is set up in its proper and peculiar Authority, than to such foolish ceremonies which are below men of Wisdom; yet he desired that we might not take it ill as from him (in his place of Authority) in doing as he was obliged in the prosecution of the Warrant, which summoned all Officers and Members of the Factory, with Masters and Officers of Ships, to be aiding and assisting to surprize and banish two innocent, naked, harmless men, that had neither Bow nor Sword, nor any such like material, or visible Weapon of War to resist evil, as *Paul* and *Barnabas* had not, against whom the hard-hearted *Jews* cryed out with the same voice, *Help men of Israel*, &c. and such like stir there was; and we let the Consul first know at our first coming, that we owned his place of Authority, and were ready to submit to any thing that was just or equitable; and at last in this thing we could not submit without suffering, forasmuch as in the uprightness of our heart, and in the innocency of the same we were come so far to do the Will of God, and to suffer for it, as his hand permitted.

So with many other expressions I cleared my Conscience, as also by Words, Sufferings and Writings, to the whole Nation there; and the Consul seemed to be unwilling to use violence against us

that at our departure prayd for them that hated us without a cause, knowing not what they did; we seeing it could not at that season be otherwise, but what the Lord had permitted them to bring to pass, not to their justification; but as a Judgement among them from the living God, who did not onely dispence the visitation of his Love and Salvation day by day among them; but he visited them also with the strokes of his displeasure, even unto death and destruction: And surely he smote and took away of the chiefeest, and others of them daily. And verily my heart often cryed, and besought the Lord for them (in secret more especially; though I was constrained not to cease uttering my voice openly among them, and for them) while they sought my hurt; as many of them (I know) by the Witness of God in them may remember. And so we were sent away as Prisoners, or rather as Lambs driven from the Dens of Lyons, or from the barren Caves of ravening Wolves, whose Nature worried them.

Now we had spoken for a passage by a Dutch ship, to have gone from thence to *Constantinople*; but before the ship departed *Smyrna*, the Warrant came to the Consul's hands, which thou mayest see came not from either them called *Turks*, *Jews*, *Heathen*, *Greeks* or *Barbarians*, but even from the men of our own Nation. Alas! alas! yea wo and alas for them.

So the Reader may see what a stir there hath been in the Region of *Asia* against the appearance of Truth, and its innocency, in plainness, to expel and banish it, together with its Message and Messengers, out of their coasts or borders; and not to have any entertainment, or at least to come within the extent of their Authority, whatever becomes of them; let them go where they will, &c. So as in effect they say, We will not have this man, the Light, Truth, Temperance Innocency, its Life and Wisdom from above, to rule, or have its preheminance over us in our Consciences; We will rather chuse to live in the practice of our own evil hearts and ways; and therefore thus to their own hurt they say unto God, Depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways, and as for the Word of the Lord, we have no delight in it. Lo they have rejected the Word of the Lord, and what Wisdom is in them? And such the holy, perfect and upright man saw rebel against the

Job 21.

Job 24. 13.

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Light, and said, They are of those that rebel against the Light, they know not the wayes thereof, neither abide in the path thereof.

And so with consent they joined together to banish Truth, its Message, and Messengers of Peace, which provoked them to jealousy that believe not, who scorned us as fools, and what else, not honestly considering, how that God is provoking the Nations to jealousy and wrath with a foolish people, as in the ancient days, *Deut. 22*, was prophesied. And such besought our Lord and Master, even Jesus, to depart out of their Coasts or Borders, who loved and fed their Swine upon the Mountains, even the *Gadarenes* besought him to depart, who saith, *He that loveth Father or Mother, or what else, more than me, is not worthy of me*; and Father and Mother, and such Relations, are of more honourable esteem than many Swine. And to his Disciples he also saith (that was dead, and is alive, and liveth for ever) *As they have done unto me, so will they do unto you; if they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you.* These are his faithful and true sayings; *He that receiveth you, receiveth me*; and *he that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me*; [mark that:] *Verily, verily I say unto you, Whomsoever receiveth whom I shall send, receiveth me, and him that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me, &c.* *He that despiseth you, despiseth me*; and *he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me.* And it's to be understood, that such like dealing J.S. and H.F. our Brethren, found at *Alexandria*, from whom they also were banished.

John 13. 20

And on this wise being rejected, despised, banished out of *Asia*, from *Smyrna*, in about eight dayes we arrived at the Island *Zant*, where my dear Brother and Companion in sufferings, and not onely so, but in the Kingdom and patience of Christ, he was visited with sickness nigh unto death; but the Word and Commandment of the Lord ordered me to pass through part of *Italy*, and my face was set towards *Venice*; and we weighed the thing in the fear and counsel of the Lord, and were both given up in one to travel; yet it was so, that the poor Lamb was not capable in body to travel with me, by reason of weakness; and he being fully perswaded and satisfied in his own mind, that I was to pass onward, in the tender Love of our God he did the more constrain

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me, I finding some unwillingness to leave him in that condition, which was not a little cross unto me. But in the Heavenly Will and Peace of our God, and joy of the Lord, out of all visibly we parted asunder, and it came to pass, that he laid down his body there in about two days after.

There being a Ship of *Venice* ready, I embarked on the same, and had a good passage through the Gulf of *Venice*. After three Weeks were finished, was I admitted (together with the Ships company) to receive Prodict or Admission to come into the City as their manner is; and there I continued about eight days as a sign and wonder among many, and gave somewhat of a sound of the Lord's Day (in truth) among them; and from thence I travelled to *Legorn*; and my face was as if it were set towards *England*, I being alone, as a Mourning-Dove in a desolate Wilderness. Yet it came so to pass, when I arrived at the same Port or City, that the everlasting Love of my God did fill and overcome my heart, and mine eye right dearly affected the same, and verily the living Word and Commandment of my God sounded in mine ear, and mine understanding was quickened in the Spirit of Life from God, so that I was made willing, and not to rebel against the Heavenly Voice, [And what if I testify, that mine eye saw the Angel of his presence?] which was expressly for me to give up, and pass away from thence, to visit his long suffering Seed of Innocency, shut up in the Inquisition, in the Isle of *Malta*, under the Pope's Authority, and to communicate to their necessities; and verily the sweet promise of the Lord entered and possessed my heart, and my God made my way prosperous, for in the Light of his countenance he had often set these poor, afflicted, long-suffering innocents before my face: Wherefore my body and mind was freely offered up as my reasonable service, to serve his Truth, and the least Member of it; and so to the death of the Cross, whereto I became obedient in uprightness of heart, as if I should never see Kindred or Native Countrey more.

A Vessel of *France* being ready to depart from thence Eastward, I embarked thereon for the Isle of *Cicilia* to *Musena*, and from thence to the Isle of *Malta* in a Vessel of the said Island; and in my passage the Vessel did bear in to *Syracuse*, where *Paul* abode three days in his passage to *Rome*, (after he had suffered

abode three days in his passage to Rome (after he had suffered shipwrack on *Malta*;) and at *Syracuse* I abode five days, where I gave a sound of the Lord's Truth and Life: And so we immediately sailed from thence, and within 24. hours we arrived at the Island of *Malta*; and within some hours after I came upon the said Island, I had admittance to the Pope's Lord Inquisitor, to whom I delivered my Message in the *Italian* Tongue, on this wise, *I am come to demand the just Liberty of my innocent Friends; the two English women in prison in the Inquisition.* And he asked, if I were related to them as a Husband or Kinsman; and whether I came out of *England* on purpose with that Message. And I answered, I came from *Legorn* for that same end; and he replied at last, They should abide in Prison till they dye, except some *English* Merchants or others that were able, would engage or give obligation for the value of three or four thousand dollars, conditionally, that they should never return again into those parts.

On this wise was his reply divers times, with the Consul and many others; together and afunder, but in the Name and fear of the Lord God I withstood the same unchristian-like demand and cruelty, in the Word, Power and Travel of the Lord in his innocent, suffering Lambs behalf, albeit they daily threatned me with their cruelty and Inquisition of darkness, and followed me to and fro with their Officer and Black-Rod, and the Popes Deputy would have bound me that I should neither speak good nor evil to any one while I was on the Island, as the Consul said, save to him; neither to come to the Prison alone, except the Consul came also with me, or some of his Family at least: But their snares, Bonds and Covenants, in the Name of my God I defied, because the Spirit of Life from the Lord gave me Dominion through sufferings in Spirit, First, over their unjust, dark Impositions; yea, and in the same good authority, in the innocency and uprightness of my heart, I travelled through, and over the darkness, over its works, and ceased not to publish the end of my coming; which they would not have known abroad, & the sound of Truth, and its dread and same struck terror in their hearts, that both high and wise great men together with the Popish Priests and Jesuits, knights them called of the Nobility, of the Pope's Dominion of *Spain* and *France*, and of many Nations; they did not batten themselves a little with my bodily presence, my clear testimony.

Witness, and Friends in general, all which they desired and withstood, as it doth appear by the words of Truth in this Treatise.

And thus it comes to pass among the Nations, because we are not of this world, as our Life and Testimony also is not for, but against the same; therefore we marvel not if the world hate us, knowing its birth which is from beneath, earthly and sensual, persecuteth that which is from above, heavenly and spiritual; and so the Lord hath made me as a burthensome stone among them. My heart blesteth his Name that wonderfully preserved me. Yet some of them came to see somewhat of my innocency.

About 24. dayes I abode upon the said Island, they daily continuing their threatenings against me as aforesaid, and many times attempted me to take my passage to *Civillia*, or to some parts of *Italy*, to produce the unreasonable and unchristian-like Obligation demanded by them; but in the fear of God I, with my dear friends, withstood them, and they were freely given up, rather to suffer, then to hurt God's truth and people thus to gratify them; who (as it doth appear) the Spirit of the Lord God of truth rules neither in Pope, nor in any of his Lords, Priests or Jesuits, that exerciseth such Lordship over the innocent, long-suffering Heritage of the everlasting God. The time hasteneth, and behold it cometh to pass, that the weight of eternal Vengeance is coming over them, which the man of sin; and his sons of perdition will not be able to bear: For the doleful cry of the Innocent, it sighs and groans with tears, hath long uttered its voice, which hath ascended into the ears of the most high, who is higher then the highest, yet hath he respect unto the needy, to uphold them, yea and to such as are of an upright, contrite, lowly, and trembling heart: What if I should say, the God of love and long-suffering dwells in such; and verily their sacrifice is acceptable in his bosome that liveth for ever; and I am a living witness, that the sweet testimony and innocent sufferings of these his long-suffering Lambs, is right dear and precious in his eye, which is the light of his countenance; and so is not otherwise, but the same in oneness with his people concerning them.

And so in the endless Mercy, Blessing and Peace of our God we parted, and I came away with the love and peace of my God within my heart, having the answer and living testimony of a good Conscience; and in the wisdom of God brought away these their words and writings, which testifyeth somewhat of their sufferings and faithfulness unto the Lord, his truth and people, which I right well know, cannot be shut out of the Record of life Eternal, unto which I bear record again, that they have been, and are a sweet savour unto the Lord God of faithfulness, and so their reward, which attends the same, is not only with them, but with all the sons and daughters of truth and innocency, that are so travelling in their long-sufferings, which are but light and momentary in competition to the Eternal weight of glory which afterwards is to be revealed in the same that suffered in all generations, even from righteous *Abel*, unto this day of our God, to whom be wisdom, glory, salvation, and everlasting thanksgivings and dominion, for ever, *Amen*, saith my soul and spirit, even so *Amen*.

And it came to pass in the the third month of the year 1662. also after my God had well preserved me in my passage, and in his work and service from *Malta* to diverse places in *Italy*, till I came to the Straights Mouth (of the Mediter-

Mediterranean Sea) at the place called *Gibraltar*, it was the pleasure of the Lord God to suffer the wind and weather to continue contrary well nigh about 30 daies, in which season I suffered many trials and tribulations in spirit, having little or no rest in the same, because of the Vision and words of the Everlasting which sounded often up to my understanding, even as the roaring of a Lyon, which mine eye saw, and mine ear heard also [in the year -- 61. when I was a Prisoner for the pure Word and testimony of God and his Truth, in *Wrotham City* [ay], before I departed *England*] and the place was the high Mountain of *Gibraltar* that stands within the King of *Spain*s Dominion, which was the subject of the Vision; and often as I cast mine eye upon the situation of the place, the pure life and power of God's Eternal presence did arise up in me, in the Word of Life, so that I saw e'early that some great exceeding weighty service for his Name and eternal Truths sake was to be done by me, which was so terrible and dreadful to me, when as I entered into reasoning, so that I was brought down even to the jaws of death in dust and ashes; and as *Jonah* turned his back upon *Niniveh*, the same temptation attended me also, to my wounding, before I could give up; for I fled often from the place to escape with my life from among such an unreasonable and bloody generation, and the Lord would not be intreated to let such a bitter Cup pass unsatisfied, but behold with the sound and stroke of his eternal Word, his Spirit of Life became awakened, quickened and mightily revived in me, in his Wisdom, over all fear of the Nations of men, and the same brake through the snare, and bonds of death, and over destruction. and the true seed that mourned, cried, *Not my will, but thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*; and so it was a hard thing to part with little *Isaac* which is received again in the Covenant of promise of Life, and that was offered up which fled so often (but at last was caught in a thicket). When the ships of diverse Nations attempted to pass through; but the God of heaven, whom the wind and sea obeyeth, suffered them not, but they knew not what the matter was which was revealed within my heart, as the displeasure of God was against them, to humble them also, as I told them often by words and writings to clear my conscience's albeit they strove, being perplexed in their minds, and attempted often, to wit 7 or 8 times in about 21 daies, and could not pass but about 2 or 3 leagues, and on this wise it happened, it would ether prove calm, and then the current would drive them back into the Streights again sometimes, and otherwhile storms and tempests would scatter them, as a figure of *Pharaoh* and his Hosts of Egyptian darkness, so that the Chariot-wheels mine eye saw struck off, so that they drove but heavily, within, and without; and at last I gave out among them, that God had service for me to do at that place, and my life was given up to do his will, if I never saw my Native Country, Kindred, or Father's house at all any more; and therefore the pleasure of the Lord in his mighty power had made me willing and also gave me dominion through and over the bonds and snares of death and destruction, as it were to lay down my precious life, that I may take it again together with the body, which through his righteous judgments he had prepared to perform the good pleasure of his Almightyness, for his Truth and Names sake. Now the heavenly voice was often sounded within my heart on this wise, saying: *O Jerusalem, cut off thy hair, and furthermore to gird sackcloth on my loins,*

*As to the Prophet
Jeremy, Chap. vii.*

and so I became obedient in the singleness and innocency of my heart, unto the God of Heaven, of my life, as a dreadful sign against the Whorish Church of Rome, and against all her Heads and Horns throughout the world: And I then signified to the Master of the ship in which I was a passenger, how that I did believe that God would soon give opportunity for the Fleet of ships to pass away after this service of God was performed: & after I had used many persuasions, to the end that he might suffer my body on that wise to be cast among the wicked idolaters, lyars and murderers, which are like the troubled sea. So the ship-Master let my body *[Isaiah 57.20.]* be on this wise cast over board from the ship, [God having provided a great Whale to swallow up that which fled from his presence so often] and so it happened, that it was upon one of their called Holy-days, or saints days, namely, the day called *Holy-Thursd.*

So I being cast on dry land, passed through their streets directly, until I came into the Mas-House or Idolater temple, among the Idolaters, where I found the Fryer, or Priest, at the high Altar, down upon his knees, in his white Surplice, adoring of the Host, (which is a *Chalice*, or a piece of bread, which they call the real substance of the body of Christ, after their unclean spirit of darkness hath muttered some words over it, which they call *Consecration*;) and after I had stood a season viewing this Idolatry with the indignation of the Eternal God set up within my heart against the same, I turned my back-part upon the Priest, and his dead God, and dumb Idols, at the high Altar; and in the holy Commandment of life eternal, my face was set towards the people, and I beheld them a certain season in the power of God in which I stood; I saw the multitude of ignorant people upon their knees also, worshipping the dark inventions and imaginations of their sottish leaders, and blind guides, and they know not what; and in the Lord's time (which mine eye had a circumspect heed unto,) I then spread forth my arms, and stript off my Vesture, and rent the same from top to bottom, in divers pieces, and cast them from me with indignation. And then I took my Hat off my head, (which was the uppermost covering of the outside of a man) and cast the same under my feet, and stamped upon these things; and the nakedness appeared with the sack-cloth covering, to their astonishment; and then with a clear voice I sounded Repentance three times, and gave testimony as the sound of a trumpet among them, that the life of Christ and his Saints was arisen from the dead; and so passed away, sounding the same words of the Lord's Message, with Repentance, through the streets, as it were, flying from the Idols temple, and from Idolatry, and Idolaters, until I came to the sea-side, and there was I moved to kneel down and pray, and give thanks to the living Lord, who had so wonderfully preserved me in doing his pleasure and good will on earth; and he suffered no man to touch or do me harm,

And the next day following the Lord God gave opportunity accordingly as I had let the Ship-master know I believed would come to pass, and it was so, and all the Fleet did partake of the blessing: But how many of them rewarded me (men of my own Nation, to whom I also continued a sign, which they spake bitter things against the Lord my God saw the same, and smote them with rebuke and astonishment in his displeasure, who in his wise determinate Counsel, ordained me for many dayes and nights to be tried on this wise, and to fall among divers temptation: afterward, the which as a mighty

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surrounded and beset me on every hand, immediately after I had done the good will in his all-sufficient power and strength; thus the Enemy with his subtilty in a mystrie was suffered to compass me about, to steale away my peace and reward with my God, in whom the same is hid; and then I was in a blessed condition, though sometime veiled for a little season, and then the Fathers countenance was hid from mine eye; and therefore was I troubled: Yet blessed are ye when you fall among divers temptations, saith one; and verily they were even as thorns in my flesh, yea as Messengers of Satan suffered to buffet me for a season, even as the servant of God witnessed, who was wrapt up into the third Heaven: What if I should somewhat testify, so was it with me, lest I should be exalted above measure, so that I was made to bow and fall upon my face, and cry day and night to the Lord of Eternal life, that had respect to the tears of the innocent, and bowed the strength of his arm to support the lowly: And so his Almightyness gave ear to the sighs and groans of my distressed state, and had respect unto the voice of my mourning, as a Dove or Pelican in the Wilderness; and verily his Grace I found sufficient to save and preserve my innocency, in its sweet life of holiness to the Lord, through all this, and that which letted, salvation to his Name, Amen. So his strength is made perfect in weakness, even so it is in truth, in which I set to my seal of my right hand, that God is true, in which life I give thanks to his Name of Power and Defence, the which over all Nations is to be exalted in the hearts of his Saints, as in the ancient dayes, yea and much more abundantly in the Light of his bright-shining countenance, in which his Eternal and excellent glory, and pure dreadful Majesty, for ever hath his holy habitation; to whom be endless Dominion, with praises living and everlasting, over all, Amen.

Written in Newgate this 5th. Month, the 18th. day, 1662.. where he suffereth Bonds, together with many Brethren of Truth, for one and the same Testimony of the Lord Iesus, not for evil doing or speaking, but against the same: For we suffer because we cannot otherwise but meet together in the Name and Fear of God; neither swear at all, neither by Heaven, nor by Earth, nor by any other Oath; Matth. 5. James 5. 12. D. B.

A Copy of a Paper which was written in the Spanish Tongue, and delivered the same day that I was upon the service, directed as followeth, Viz.

For the Governor and Inhabitants of Giblesore, in the Kingdom of Spain

Behold, behold, the great day of God is come, and of his wrath, and of the wrath of his Lamb is come, and the hour of his Judgements is come, Wherefore Oh Inhabitants of the earth, Repent, Repent, Repent, and fear God, and give glory & honor to him that made Heaven and Earth, and the Fountains of Waters: Wo, wo, wo to the Inhabitants of the earth: And I heard another voice from Heaven, saying, Come out of her my people; that ye partake not of her sins, & that ye receive not of her plagues. These are the words of the power of Christ that is contrary to the false Church.

Behold, behold, Plagues, Plagues, Plagues are coming upon the Church of Rome, and upon her Heads in England, & in all parts of the world. And the Woman which thou sawest is that great City which reigneth over the Kings of the earth; and he saith unto me, the waters which thou sawest where the Whore sitteth, are Peoples, Nations, Multitudes and Tongues; &c

These words, with a Paper in Latine with honest words of truth, was delivered with many more Scriptures in their own Language, that they may read, understand, repent, & cease from idolatry, & from all ungodliness, that the blessings of Eternal life might arise through Judgments, & have room among the Nations, to the eternal glory & renown of the Lord God over all who is blessed for ever.

